

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING &  
PUBLIC HEARING  
OCTOBER 2, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on October 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council Member Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of September 18, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby. The motion was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Members Lee, Gillespie and Tidwell abstaining.

Ms. Gail Whitehead appeared before Council to register her concerns regarding a vagrant individual continually coming onto her property.

Ms. Tina Miller appeared before Council and read a letter from her Attorney Letta Dillard Gorman outlining a claim against the City and requested it be entered upon the record. No action was taken to enter the letter into the minutes.

Ms. Tina Miller also addressed her request for a liquor license, presented a list of measures or operation she stated she would put in place if a license was granted. Ms. Miller asked that her right to a consideration before a final vote be waived and that Council proceed immediately for a vote to issue a license to sell alcohol for QB'S Sports Bar and Grill with the applicant through Adams Bar Inc.

Mayor Hayes called for the vote for approval of a license. Council Member Lee voted to grant the license. Council Members McCoy, Gillespie, Fountain and Coleman voted against the motion. Mayor Hayes and Council Members Tidwell and Bixby abstained from the vote. Mayor Hayes stated the request for a liquor license was denied based on a four (4) to one (1) vote.

Members of the Greater Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce appeared before Council and gave a live presentation of their new website.

Mr. James Carpenter appeared before Council and presented a letter of intent to purchase and repair the house located at 502 S. Clark Street if the Council would not proceed with abatement



of the property under the nuisance ordinance. Attorney Gray explained to Mr. Carpenter he would be responsible for paying for all expenses incurred to-date relating to abatement proceedings and when he applies for a permit he would have to pay anything owed to the City before receiving a permit. Council Member Tidwell moved to accept Mr. Carpenter's letter of intent and allow him to purchase and repair the property contingent upon him paying all fees due to the City. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes presented a report from the Geneva City Planning Commission recommending an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance with regard to allowable uses of M Zones. Council Member Coleman moved to accept the Planning Commission's report and authorize the City Attorney to prepare an amended ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve a permit to hold a Veteran's Day parade to the Chamber of Commerce on November 11th. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt a resolution authorizing a loan through BankPlus for the funding of the City Hall project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adopt a resolution declaring the City Hall project an eligible capital improvement project for the use of Municipal Capital Improvement Funds and authorize the expenditure of current and future funds for the project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the opening of a bank account for the deposit and expenditure of loan funds for the City Hall project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray declared that an executive session was in order to discuss the job performance of an employee that could reflect on name and character. He explained that the classification of the employee being discussed was not a position in which the open meetings act restricted such from being done in executive session. He further stated the executive session was estimated to take 10 minutes and there could be an announcement after the meeting.

Council Member Bixby moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing job performance of an employee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. Mayor Hayes called for the vote to go into executive session. The vote was as follows:



Ayes: Nays: None

Mayor Hayes

Council Member Lee

Council Member McCoy

Council Member Gillespie

Council Member Tidwell

Council Member Bixby

Council Member Fountain

Council Member Coleman

Mayor Hayes declared the vote to go into executive session carried unanimously. Executive session began at 6:54 p.m. All Council Members, City Attorney Gray and City Clerk Johnson remained in attendance for executive session.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was unanimously approved. Executive session adjourned and regular session resumed at 7:09 p.m.

Following executive session, it was announced the Council would vote on disciplinary action of an employee taking into consideration a review and report by a Due Process Committee.

Council Member Gillespie moved to uphold the findings of the majority of the Due Process Committee and not terminate the employment of an employee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote. Those voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Gillespie, Bixby, Lee, Tidwell, Fountain and Coleman. Council Member McCoy voted against the motion and Mayor Hayes abstained.

Mayor Hayes gave the following report:

1. Update on the number of structures that have been abated or brought into compliance under the unsafe structure ordinance
2. Soccer project close out and cost saving to the City  
(Council Member Tidwell stated that since completion of the project a tournament has been scheduled)
3. Equipment for the splash pad has shipped
4. Plans to start the entrance façade for the new park
5. Update on City Hall project
6. Housing needs area wide
7. City music festival

Council Member Fountain inquired about the sign for the airport.

Council Member Bixby presented an application for a permit for a parade for homecoming from the high school. He moved to authorize a permit. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Bixby reported on the upcoming Geneva Sports Hall of Fame and invited Council to attend. He suggested hiring a company to redesign the City's website.

Council Member Lee expressed concerns regarding the Fire Department's recent response to a fire. Fire Chief Latimer was in attendance and Council Member Lee asked questions about the incident.

Council Member McCoy asked if anything could be done or was going to be done with the cars on Park Avenue. He also asked that something be done with someone living in a structure off of Ward Street without sanitary utility services.

Council Member Gillespie reported potholes on Woodland and next to the Christian Mission. She reported the yield sign in the triangle at Water and Live Oak Street is missing and asked about what can be done about the grass not being cut on the lot where the house was abated at the same intersection.

Council Member Gillespie stated that it was her understanding that in Senior Center Director Robbie Owens' absence, the office assistant will have to fill in and perform the Director's duties. She asked about compensating the assistant for filling in as interim Director. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize \$20.00 per hour interim pay for the assistant, while she is performing the Director's duties during her leave of absence. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie reported the City has been awarded \$20,000.00 from Wiregrass RC&D for the pier project. She explained these funds were left over funds from another project that have been transferred and that they need to be spent immediately as they are from a previous year's budget and RC&D needs to close out old project funding.

Council Member McCoy asked about reducing the speed on Pea River Bridge.

Council Member Coleman stated he has received complaints on the condition of Register Avenue and if it can't be patched, it needs to be resurfaced. He asked any Council Member wanting to attend the Sports Hall of Fame to let Sirena Fleming know. Council Member Coleman reported he has had questions regarding the pond at the Junction being dry.

City Clerk Johnson reported on the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional Dinner and the CDBG project. She and Council Member Gillespie updated Council on the updated pricing for additional cans and the process for billing the City and notifying customers of the change in service.

City Attorney Gray reported on court and moving the date due to the upcoming holiday. He stated he will draft an amendment for the garbage ordinance.

Council Member Coleman inquired about the time for trick-or-treat. The time was set from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.



Recreation Director Adams reported on the soccer program and tournaments, the volley ball program and the first Rec Night.

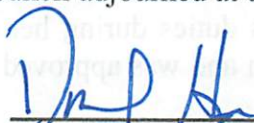
Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported that the number of City cans in use need to be reduced to cut down on billing with the new company starting to provide service. He reported on park preparations for upcoming holidays and events.

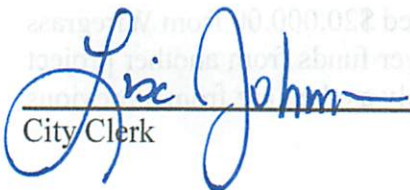
Fire Chief Latimer reported on fire prevention week.

Police Chief Mock gave an activity report for the month of September. He reported on: a fun run involving soldiers from Ft. Rucker, preparing for trick-or-treat and the event at the Junction, Homecoming and speaking with students about safety, the department's annual fundraiser, the *Too Good for Drugs and Violence Program*, and grant funds for law enforcement training classes. Chief Mock addressed a proposed article or letter to the editor, that he has been informed will be printed and that he is mentioned in.

Mayor Hayes stated he has received complaints that bike license are not being enforced.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
Mayor

  
City Clerk



GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 16, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on October 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Ryan Tidwell and Rich Bixby were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council Member Fountain gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hayes presented a plaque to the family of Greg Creech recognizing his 30 years of dedication and service to the Geneva Fire Department.

Council Member Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of October 2, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman. The motion was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to approve an application to close Live Oak Street on October 31, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for a Trick-or-Treat event. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Geneva Water Works and Sewer Manager, James Dixon, appeared before Council to discuss the adoption of a new sewer ordinance.

Greater Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce President, Carl Corey, requested an additional \$2,000.00 appropriation to help with hosting a veteran's dinner and Two Rivers One Heart projects. Council Member Lee moved to authorize the request as a onetime appropriation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes gave the following report:

1. The Big Oak Music Festival
2. Preparations for homecoming week
3. Functions, meetings and continued relations with Ft. Novosel

4. Approval of the LWCF Grant for the new downtown City park
5. City Hall project and an issue with one of the trees being hollow and rotten and possibly needing to be removed for liability purposes
6. Splash pad
7. Rescue Squad

Council Member Coleman asked if the Street Superintendent had an opportunity to look at Register Avenue.

Council Member Lee reported there was a need for a street light on the block of Promenade between Earl Minshew and Live Oak.

Council Member Fountain addressed a letter from a constituent.

City Clerk Johnson explained the police department would like to applying for a grant for a handheld narcotics analyzer. Council Member Gillespie moved to approve a resolution authorizing the application. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray reported on court and complimented the recent music festival sponsored by the City.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on equipment, projects and event preparation.

Chamber President Cory reported on planned events for Christmas.

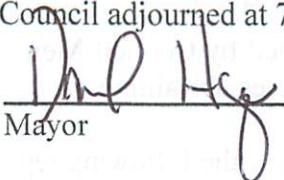
Fire Chief Latimer reported on the success of fire prevention week.

A workshop was set for Monday, October 23, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Hayes reported he had just received a text confirming the LWCF Park project cost was anticipated to be \$967,000.00 with a \$483,500.00 federal match and \$483,500.00 local match.

Council Member Coleman moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor



GENEVA CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION

OCTOBER 23, 2023

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in work session on October 23, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Freddy McCoy and Rich Bixby were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Council reviewed a proposed garbage ordinance, discussed late fees for recreation program sign-ups and the rescue squad.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING &  
PUBLIC HEARING  
NOVEMBER 6, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on November 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council Member Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

With due public notice being sent by certified mail to property owners, along with posting in public places, a public hearing was held at this time to address abatement for violations of ordinance number 04-2021-02 on property located at 204 Live Oak Street.

Videos and an inspection sheet were presented as evidence of violations on the property. City Attorney Gray reviewed the Dangerous Building Checklist and items noted which were part of the notice to the property owner(s) and asked Building Inspector Wuest if he inspected and completed the form and if that was his signature on the form and if the property was deemed unsafe and a public nuisance. Building Inspector Wuest confirmed completion of the form, verified it was deemed unsafe and a nuisance and verified his signature. He asked Code Enforcement Officer Owens if he took the videos on record and if the pictures reflected the condition of the property. Code Enforcement Owens stated he made the recording and it reflected the condition of the property.

Mayor Hayes opened the floor for public discussion both in favor of and opposition to abatement. The owner of the property and her children were present and stated they had the funds to begin repairs on the property and requested an extension to begin work.

Neighboring property owners spoke in regards to sanitary conditions and problems caused by transient traffic to the property.

Council discussed the issue.

Upon completion of the public hearing, regular session began.

Council Member Gillespie moved to approve the minutes of October 16 and 23, 2023. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Bixby abstaining from the vote and Council Member Tidwell abstaining from the vote on the minutes from the 23<sup>rd</sup>.



Mr. Wayne Brown of 804 E. Westville Avenue appeared before Council to register complaints regarding speeding on his street, ufo's or drones flying around his property, drug activity in the neighborhood, what he felt is disrespectful treatment by City employees and treatment of gay individuals.

Ms. Gloria Marks and Ms. Sharon Turner appeared before Council to update them on preparations for Farm City. Mayor Hayes signed a proclamation, proclaiming Farm City Day.

Council Member Gillespie moved to appropriate \$750.00 to assist with Farm City activities. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Coleman abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt a resolution making known its intention to accept a PY2022 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant in the amount of \$483,500 from the State of Alabama, committing a local match of \$483,500 or 50% of the total project, and authorizing Mayor David B. Hayes to act as the appropriate City Official on behalf of the City of Geneva, in dealings with the State of Alabama, to sign any and all necessary forms for the PY2022 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant award between the City of Geneva and the State of Alabama. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to authorize payment of loan fees estimated to be \$45,625.50. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to set the Rescue Director salary at \$55,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Bixby moved to authorize a \$10 late fee per family for registering for recreation programs after the deadline for sign-up. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed revisions to the City's garbage ordinance. Council discussed increasing commercial garbage rates at an additional \$10.00 per can over two cans.

Ms. Sharon Turner who is on the Board of Directors for the Geneva Woman's Club was present and informed Council the Geneva Woman's Club has voted to appropriate \$20,000.00 for the gazebo at the new park and funds for bleachers, benches and other needs at the soccer field. She asked City Clerk Johnson (also a GWC board member) to explain what items have been quoted for purchase. Clerk Johnson stated funds being donated will fund four sets of bleachers, 2 benches suitable for high school teams and 8 benches for rec teams. Clerk Johnson stated that Mr. Teddy Kilpatrick and Mr. Quentin Battles with Outdoor Aluminum had given a discount to help make the purchase possible.



Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the purchase of the items from donation funds. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes informed Council there was an individual interested in purchasing the remaining property in the industrial park. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with the individual. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman moved to amend the agenda to add action from the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman moved to adopt the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 204 NORTH LIVE OAK STREET, GENEVA, ALABAMA 36340 ALABAMA, PARCEL ID# 1804203004005000 IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 11-40-30 THROUGH 11-40-36, SECTIONS 11-53B-1 THROUGH 11-53B-16, INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-02 OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; AND CALLING FOR THE CITY TO CAUSE SAID DEMOLITION TO BE PERFORMED AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE THE COST OF SUCH DEMOLITION TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE LAND ON WHICH THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE EXISTS AS A MUNICIPAL LIEN OR CAUSE SUCH COST TO BE RECOVERED IN A SUIT AT LAW AGAINST THE OWNER OR OWNERS IF THE VIOLATION IS NOT VOLUNTARILY ABATED.**

The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to one (1) vote. Those voting for the motion were Council Members Coleman, Fountain, McCoy, Gillespie, Tidwell and Bixby. Council Member Lee voted against the motion and Mayor Hayes abstained.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Attendance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional Dinner
2. Scheduled meeting with the contract on the City Hall project
3. Recent work session
4. Interest from an individual to paint the grain elevator at no cost
5. Need to secure the rescue building and drug cabinet
6. Ft. Novosel Visit



7. Soccer project closeout

Council Member Bixby moved to authorize funds for a security system for the rescue building. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson reported on the CDBG project. She reported on Halloween at the Junction and stated she may like to move the Halloween event to the new park once it is complete.

City Attorney Gray reported on court. He spoke on the success of Geneva's 10U soccer team in an all-star tournament. He said several parents from other town commented on hearing about our new facility and stated our results are showing by our performance. He stated how much he enjoyed Halloween festivities all over town.

Police Chief Mock reported on the *Too Good for Drugs and Violence Program*, a November 9<sup>th</sup> fun run with Ft. Novosel, and Veterans Day parade preparation. He gave statics for the month of October. He reported there will be a police academy held in Dothan which will be a significant cost savings to the City.

Chief Mock stated he has two positions open and would like to hire individuals but they are not certified and will need to go through the academy. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the cost of training. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Chief Mock also reported on the new drug canine for the department.

Fire Chief Latimer reported on grass fires and a county burn ban. A City burn ban was discussed.

Recreation Director Adams reported on the soccer facility and all-star soccer tournament.

Council Member Tidwell reported on the all-star soccer tournament and fund raiser for the program. He expressed appreciation to the City for allowing the school to use the community center. He inquired about wire being run underground around town.

Council Member Gillespie inquired about the Library being closed and when it will open. She asked about the status of purchasing the property for the airport. Mayor Hayes and City Attorney Gray addressed her question. She reported that she has been contacted regarding lack of parking for 18 wheelers in town and asked if there was an ordinance preventing parking in town.

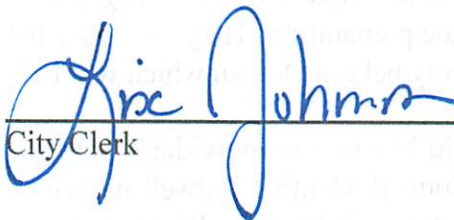
Council Member Coleman reported Thanksgiving lunch for the seniors would be November 17<sup>th</sup> and the Lions Club is providing turkeys. He stated the City needs to look at obtaining the triangular piece of property by Pizza Hut between Maple and the elementary school and put in a road to be used as a cut through. He reported it has been brought to his attention that county maps indicate the intersection of N. Choctaw Street and Magnolia Avenue intersection is

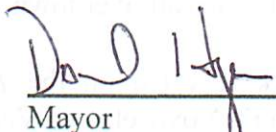
owned by the City and there use to be a road going through the area and there are no stop signs installed if it is a road.

Council Member Coleman moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell.

Chamber President Carl Corey reported on Chamber and DAV functions and upcoming events. Vendors at Christmas were discussed. Chamber President Cory stated persons in attendance had questions regarding the new park.

Council Member Coleman moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor



GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 20, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on November 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell and Rich Bixby were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council Member Fountain gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Coleman moved to approve the minutes of November 6, 2023. Council Member Lee seconded the motion which was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Councilmember Lee moved to suspend the rules to give immediate consideration without a second reading to a proposed ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of the City's \$2,320,000 General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 (the "Series 2023 Warrant"). The motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Coleman and upon submitting the motion to the entire City Council for a vote, the motion to suspend the rules was unanimously approved.

After a brief discussion, the following ordinance to approve that certain Series 2023 Warrant was introduced in writing and Councilmember Coleman moved for the ordinance to be adopted, and the motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Lee, and said ordinance was unanimously adopted by the affirmative vote of all members of the City Council present:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 11-2023-12**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA'S \$2,320,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION WARRANT, SERIES 2023, TOGETHER WITH THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ALL WARRANT FINANCING DOCUMENTS**

**Adopted by the**

**City Council of the City of Geneva, Alabama**

**on**

**November 20, 2023**

Section 1. The City Council as the governing body of the City of Geneva, Alabama (the "City") ordains and makes the following representations, findings and elections:

(1) The City Council has determined that it is in the public interest to issue the Series 2023 Warrant (hereinafter defined) to provide the majority of the funding for a new City Hall to provide new larger office space, a council meeting room, and a municipal court room for the City.

(2) The Series 2023 Warrant will be a general obligation of the City secured by a pledge of the full faith and credit of the City, and as further security for the payment thereof, the City will grant a BankPlus a Mortgage, Security Agreement and Assignment of Leases and Rents (the "Mortgage") on the land and all improvements to be constructed on the site for the new City Hall.

(3) The City Council will elect to designate the Series 2023 Warrant as a "Qualified Tax Exempt Obligation" within the meaning of and for the purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Section 2. Pursuant to the authority to do so contained in the constitution and laws of the State of Alabama, including particularly the provisions of *Code of Alabama*, 1975, §11-47-2 (the Enabling Law"), there is hereby authorized to be issued a Warrant titled General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 (the "Series 2023 Warrant").

Section 3. Pursuant to the provisions of the Enabling Law, the City does hereby approve, authorize, ratify, confirm and ordain the following:

- (a) The issuance of the City's \$2,320,000 General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 (the "Series 2023 Warrant") the proceeds of which are to be used to provide the majority of the funding for a new City Hall, which will create new and larger office space, a council meeting room, and a municipal court room for the City; and
- (b) Payment of the Series 2023 Warrant will be secured by the full faith and credit of the City together with a Mortgage on the land and all improvements to be constructed on the site for the new City Hall;
- (c) The consummation of all transactions contemplated in this resolution and undertaken by the City hereunder together with all agreements, representations, obligations and covenants of the City contained in the Series 2023 Warrant, the Warrant Financing Agreement, the Mortgage, the Tax and No-Arbitrage Certificate, the Incumbency, No-Litigation, Signature and Indebtedness Certificate and any other documents, instruments and certificates executed by or on behalf of



the City in conjunction with the issuance of the Series 2023 Warrant (collectively, the "Warrant Financing Documents");

- (d) The execution and delivery of the Warrant Financing Documents by the parties to such instruments; and
- (e) Each act of the Mayor, as chief executive officer of the City or the City Clerk, as chief administrative officer, of the City or any other person designated and authorized to act by the Mayor or the City Clerk, which act would have been authorized by this resolution except that such action was taken prior to the adoption of this resolution is hereby ratified, confirmed approved and adopted.

Section 4. The Series 2023 Warrant is hereby designated as a "Qualified Tax Exempt Obligation" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Section 5. The City hereby further covenants that the reasonably anticipated amount of Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations (other than private activity bonds) which will be issued by the City and its subordinate entities during the current calendar year (viz. – the calendar year ending December 31, 2023) does not exceed \$10,000,000.00. The Series 2023 Warrant is not a "private activity bond" as defined in Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Section 6. The Warrant Financing Documents are hereby approved in substantially the form presented and considered by the City, together with such revisions or amendments thereto as the Mayor of the City shall approve, which approval shall be conclusively evidenced by execution of the Warrant Financing Documents by the Mayor of the City on behalf of the City and its City Council, the governing body of the City, as hereinafter provided. All such Warrant Financing Documents shall be filed and maintained in the records of the City.

Section 7. Pursuant to the terms of the Warrant Financing Agreement the City hereby authorizes and directs the City Clerk of the City to establish at BankPlus a Warrant Fund to receive the proceeds of the sale of the Series 2023 Warrant.

Section 8. The City reserves and shall have the privilege of prepaying all or any portion of the outstanding principal balance of the Series 2023 Warrant, together with accrued interest thereon, at any time after the issuance of the Series 2023 Warrant and from time to time thereafter without prior notice and without penalty or premium.

Section 9. The Mayor, as chief executive officer of the City, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Series 2023 Warrant, the Mortgage, and all other Warrant Financing Documents for and on behalf of the City, and the City Clerk is authorized and directed to attest the same and to affix the official seal of the City to the Series 2023 Warrant, the Mortgage, and all other Warrant Financing Documents. Upon issuance of the Series 2023 Bond, the above-named



officers of the City are authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Series 2023 Warrant and all other Warrant Financing Documents as well as a receipt acknowledging payment and receipt of the purchase price of the Series 2023 Warrant. By execution of said receipt by said duly authorized officers of the City, the City acknowledges that the proceeds of Series 2023 Warrant will be used for the intended purposes and in the manner provided in the Warrant Financing Documents, and the purchaser of the Series 2023 Warrant will have no duty to inquire or ensure that the City has properly applied said proceeds of the Series 2023 Warrant.

Section 10. The City shall issue the Series 2023 Warrant pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Warrant Financing Agreement. The Series 2023 Warrant is a general obligation of the City payable from the general fund or any net revenue source of the City secured by a pledge of the full faith and credit of the City. Therefore, the Series 2023 Warrant shall constitute a general indebtedness of the City, but the Series 2023 Warrant will not constitute a debt or obligation of any other county or municipality in the State of Alabama. The City shall be obligated to perform all agreements and covenants contained in the Warrant Financing Documents.

Section 11. The City hereby certifies that the amount ordered paid by the Series 2023 Warrant will be lawfully due at its maturity without conditions, abatement or offset of any description; that the Series 2023 Warrant has been registered on the books of the City as a general obligation of the City in the manner provided by law; that all conditions, actions and things required by the constitution and laws of the State of Alabama to exist, be performed or happen precedent to or in the issuance of the Series 2023 Warrant exist, have been performed, have happened and have been duly complied with; and that the indebtedness evidenced and ordered paid by the Series 2023 Bond, together with all other indebtedness of the City, is within every debt and other limit prescribed in the constitution and laws of the State of Alabama.

Section 12. The Series 2023 Warrant shall be in substantially the following form, with appropriate insertions, omissions or revisions to comply with the provisions hereof to accurately reflect the correct date and other information to complete the Series 2023 Warrant:

**THIS SERIES 2023 GENERAL OBLIGATION WARRANT HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 OR ANY STATE SECURITIES LAW (OR ANY SUCH SIMILAR SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATION). THIS SERIES 2023 WARRANT MAY NOT BE SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, PLEDGED, OR HYPOTHECATED EXCEPT TRANSFERRED ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS HEREOF.**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF ALABAMA  
CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA  
GENERAL OBLIGATION WARRANT,  
SERIES 2023**



**\$2,320,000**

| <u>Interest Rate</u> | <u>Maturity</u>  | <u>Date of Issuance</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 5.99%                | December 1, 2043 | November 21, 2023       |

The City of Geneva, Alabama, a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of Alabama (the "City"), for value received, promises to pay, to **BANKPLUS**, a Mississippi state banking corporation qualified to do business in the State of Alabama (sometimes referred to herein as the "Bank") at its principal office in Geneva, Alabama, as the registered owner hereof, or to registered assigns, the principal sum of

**TWO MILLION THREE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS**

or such principal amount as may be advanced (each an "Advance") and outstanding from time to time, with interest payable in arrears on the unpaid principal amount from the date of the first Advance and from the date of each Advance thereafter until the Maturity Date (hereinafter defined) at a fixed rate of five and ninety-nine one hundredths percent (5.99%) per annum, due and payable as follows: Interest only payments on the outstanding principal balance advanced shall be made monthly commencing January 1, 2023, and continuing on the first day of each consecutive month thereafter until June 1, 2025. Thereafter, commencing July 1, 2025, and continuing on the first day of each consecutive month thereafter until the earlier of the Maturity Date (hereinafter defined) or the date that the entire principal balance, together with accrued interest thereon is paid in full, the City shall make two hundred twenty-one (221) equal monthly payments of principal and interest in the amount of Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Twelve and Fifty One Hundredths Dollars (\$17,312.50) with a final payment of the outstanding principal balance together with accrued interest thereon being due and payable on December 1, 2043 (the "Maturity Date"), if not sooner paid. All Advances shall be made following receipt of a written requisition by the City approved by the Bank. The proceeds of this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 will be used to fund the majority of the construction costs on a new City Hall which will provide larger office space, a council meeting room, and a municipal court room for the City (the "Project"). Notwithstanding the foregoing stated fixed annual interest, if it is determined by the Internal Revenue Service that this obligation is not a "qualified tax exempt obligation" within the meaning of Section 265(a)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), this obligation shall bear interest at a fixed per annum rate of interest equal to the Base Rate from the date the holder is required to take 100% of the interest hereon into account in complying with Section 265(b) of the Code; and provided further, that if the interest on this obligation is determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be includible in gross income under Section 103 of the Code, this obligation shall bear interest at a per annum rate of interest equal to the Base Rate, as defined below, from the date the holder is required to include such interest in gross income. "Base Rate" shall mean the rate of interest which is announced by the Bank as its commercial base rate. Loans are made at rates above, below, or equal to the commercial base rate. The commercial base rate is not necessarily the lowest rate charged by the Bank, and it may change at any time. Interest shall be computed on the basis of an assumed year of three hundred sixty (360) days.



The first day of each month in which a payment is due shall hereinafter be referred to as a "Payment Date." Both the principal hereof and interest hereon, are payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the principal office of the Bank in the City of Geneva, Alabama, and both said principal and interest shall bear interest after their respective maturities at the annual rate of 5.99 percent.

Other than the City's (i) City of Geneva \$200,000 General Obligation Warrant, Series 2005, with an outstanding principal balance of \$123,000, (ii) City of Geneva \$224,250 Taxable General Obligation Warrant, Series 2008, with an outstanding principal balance of \$119,250, and (iii) City of Geneva \$1,100,000 General Obligation Warrant, Series 2010, with an outstanding principal balance of \$365,000, there are no other outstanding general obligation warrants, bonds or securities of the City secured by a pledge of the City's full faith and credit together with Mortgage, Security Agreement and Assignment of Leases and Rents (the "Mortgage") on the land and all improvements to be constructed on the site for the new City Hall.

**THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE OF PREPAYING ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION WARRANT, SERIES 2023 AT ANY TIME AND FROM TIME TO TIME, WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE AND WITHOUT PENALTY OR PREMIUM, PROVIDED THAT AT THE TIME OF EACH SUCH PREPAYMENT, THE CITY PAYS THE ACCRUED INTEREST TO THE DATE OF SUCH PREPAYMENT ON THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT TO BE SO PREPAID. ALL PREPAYMENTS OR ADVANCES SHALL BE NOTED SIMULTANEOUSLY THEREWITH ON THE PREPAYMENT SCHEDULE ATTACHED HERETO AS SCHEDULE "A."**

The City, with the consent of the Bank, may only issue additional warrants, even under prior general obligation warrant indentures, that are secured on a parity with the General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023. Such additional parity warrants may be issued by the City from time to time to obtain funds for any other purpose permitted by the Enabling Act (hereinafter defined).

This General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 is duly authorized and issued in the principal amount of \$2,230,000, pursuant to the provisions of the laws of the State of Alabama, particularly the provisions of *Code of Alabama*, 1975, §11-47-2, as amended (the "Enabling Act"), and by an ordinance (the "Warrant Resolution") duly adopted by the City at its regular meeting duly and legally held on November 20, 2023, the City did further authorize and designate the General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 as a "qualified tax exempt obligation." This General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 is a general obligation of the City secured by the full faith and credit of the City together with the Mortgage. Neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the County or of any other county or municipality in the State of Alabama is pledged to payment of the principal and interest on the General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023.

The representations and covenants contained in this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 or in any of the Warrant Financing Documents (as defined in the Warrant Financing



Agreement), and any other instruments or certificates authorizing the issuance of the General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 or executed in connection therewith do not constitute an obligation of Geneva County, or any other county or municipal corporation in the State of Alabama.

It is hereby certified that the amount ordered paid by this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 will be lawfully due at its maturity without conditions, abatement or offset of any description; that all conditions, actions and things required by the constitution and laws of the State of Alabama to exist, be performed or happen precedent to or in the issuance of this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 exist, have happened and have been performed in due time, form and manner as required by law.

**IN THE WARRANT RESOLUTION, THE CITY HAS DESIGNATED THIS GENERAL OBLIGATION WARRANT, SERIES 2023 AS A "QUALIFIED TAX EXEMPT OBLIGATION" WITHIN THE MEANING OF AND FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 265(b)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AND THE CITY WILL COMPLETE AND FILE OR CAUSE TO BE FILED WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE FORM 8038-G.**

The City will comply with all conditions to and requirements for the exclusion from gross income for federal income taxation of the interest income on the General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code"). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing,

(a) the City will not apply proceeds from the General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 in a manner that would cause the General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 to be a "private activity Warrant" within the meaning of Section 141(a) of the Code; and

(b) the City will comply with the requirements of Section 148 of the Code so that the General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 will not be an "arbitrage bond" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code; and

(c) the City will comply with the requirements of Section 149(e) of the Code relative to certain information reporting requirements.

A "Determination of Taxability" shall be deemed to have occurred on the first to occur of the following:

(a) Sixty (60) days after the date that the City receives official notice from the Internal Revenue Service that an Event of Taxability has occurred or notice from a registered owner of this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 that the Internal Revenue Service has issued to such registered owner a Notice of Deficiency, as provided in Section 6212 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), which includes in the gross income of such registered owner the interest of this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 due to an Event of Taxability, unless, prior to the expiration of such sixty (60) day period, the City has commenced,



or intervened in, an action in the United States Tax Court, the United States Court of Claims or an appropriate United States District Court (an "Action"), on the City's own behalf (if permitted by law) or on behalf and in the name of a registered owner of this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023, contesting such inclusion of interest in gross income; or

(b) If an Action is commenced, on the date that the Action is voluntarily dismissed by the City, or on the date that a judgment of a court of the United States holding that an Event of Taxability has occurred and is not subject to further review or appeal; or

(c) Notice by the City to the registered owner of this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 at that time, at the address to which payments on this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 are then made, that an Event of Taxability has occurred which the City intends to contest.

If an Action is instituted which contests whether an Event of Taxability has occurred, the Action shall be pursued by counsel chosen by the registered owner of this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023, at the City's sole cost and expense.

An "Event of Taxability" shall mean any event or circumstance or fact which has the effect of causing the interest payable on this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 to become includible in the gross income for federal income tax purposes of the registered owner or any former registered owner of this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 (other than any owner who is not a "financial institution" as such term is defined in Section 265(b)(5) of the Code) including but not limited to the following:

- (i) The taking of any action by the City or the City's failure to take any action;
- (ii) The making by the City of any misrepresentation herein or in any certificate given in connection with the issuance, sale or delivery of this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023;
- (iii) The repeal of Section 103 or Section 265 of the Code.

If at any time a Determination of Taxability (defined above) has occurred, the City may elect within ninety (90) days of said Determination of Taxability (the "Election Date") to prepay this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 by paying the outstanding principal balance, accrued interest thereon and any premium (defined below) due. If a Determination of Taxability has occurred and the City, as issuer hereof, does not elect to prepay this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 as provided above, interest on the unpaid principal balance from and after the Election Date, shall be payable at an annual interest rate equal to the Base Rate as hereinabove provided. If a Determination of Taxability occurs, payment of interest shall commence on the first day on which a payment is due hereunder after the Base Rate is applied and shall continue thereafter until this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 has been paid and satisfied in full.



The City recites, certifies and declares that the indebtedness evidenced by this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 is lawfully due without condition, abatement or offset of any description, that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama to happen, exist and be performed precedent to and in the authorization, execution, registration and issuance of this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 have happened, do exist and have been performed in due time, form and manner as required by law, and the principal amount of this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023, together with all other indebtedness of the City, are within every debt and other limit prescribed by the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama.

The General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 is issued as a fully registered Warrant registered on the books of the City and is transferrable by the registered owner in person or by its duly authorized officers, upon surrender of the General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 to the Secretary of the City for transfer at the office of the City, together with all necessary endorsements for transfer, and thereupon, a new Warrant of the same maturity as the General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 for a principal amount equal to the outstanding principal balance will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees. Provision for the manner in which the proceeds of this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 are to be used is made in the Warrant Resolution of the City under which the General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 was authorized to be issued.

The City may treat the person in whose name this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 is registered as the owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment and for all other purposes, whether or not the General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 is overdue, and the City shall not be affected any notice to the contrary.

No covenant or agreement contained in this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 or in any of the Warrant Documents shall be deemed to be a covenant or agreement of any member, officer, agent or employee of the City, and neither any member of the City nor any officer executing this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 shall be liable personally on this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance of this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023.

Execution by the City Clerk, as chief administrative officer of the City and as registrar of this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023, of the registration certificate hereon is essential to the validity hereof.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the City has caused this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its duly-authorized Mayor, has caused its seal to be affixed hereon, has caused the said execution and seal to be attested by its duly authorized City Clerk as its chief administrative officer and has caused this General Obligation Warrant, Series 2023 to be dated November 21, 2023.

**CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA**

By: David B. Hayes

David B. Hayes, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Lisa Johnson, City Clerk

Mr. Carl Corey appeared before Council and advised he is going to have to relocate his business and that his investor would like to purchase a parcel of land owned by the City on PC Black Road. Property tax records on file at the Geneva County Courthouse listed the fair market value at \$37,500.00 for the land without any structures.

Council Member Fountain introduced the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 11-2023-13**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA, AUTHORIZING THE  
SALE OR EXCHANGE OF REAL PROPERTY**

It was moved by Council Member Fountain that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes:

Nays: None

Absent:

Abstentions: None

Mayor Hayes  
Council Member Lee  
Council Member McCoy  
Council Member Fountain  
Council Member Coleman

Council Member Gillespie  
Council Member Tidwell  
Council Member Bixby

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said ordinance had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Fountain that Ordinance Number 11-2023-13 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:



Ayes: Nays: None Absent: Abstentions: None

|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mayor Hayes             | Council Member Gillespie |
| Council Member Lee      | Council Member Tidwell   |
| Council Member McCoy    | Council Member Bixby     |
| Council Member Fountain |                          |
| Council Member Coleman  |                          |

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the ordinance passed and adopted as introduced and read.

Mr. James Carpenter appeared before Council to discuss the purchase of the property located at 204 N. Live Oak Street. The property owners were present and stated that proper notice had not been served regarding the unsafe structure ordinance. Mr. Carpenter stated he did not realize the owners had any issues and thought they were ready to sell the property so he would end his presentation and remained open to purchase if issues were resolved.

Council Member Coleman introduced the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 11-2023-10**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-03 DATED THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2021 AND REPEALING ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

It was moved by Council Member Coleman that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Absent: Abstentions: None

|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mayor Hayes             | Council Member Gillespie |
| Council Member Lee      | Council Member Tidwell   |
| Council Member McCoy    | Council Member Bixby     |
| Council Member Fountain |                          |
| Council Member Coleman  |                          |

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said ordinance had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Coleman that Ordinance Number 11-2023-10 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. The question

being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Absent: Abstentions: None

Mayor Hayes  
Council Member Lee  
Council Member McCoy  
Council Member Fountain  
Council Member Coleman

Council Member Gillespie  
Council Member Tidwell  
Council Member Bixby

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the ordinance passed and adopted as introduced and read.

City Clerk Johnson presented a sample letter advising citizens of the changes to garbage service.

Council Member Lee introduced the following ordinance:

# **ORDINANCE NUMBER 11-2023-11**

**AN ORDINANCE DATED THE 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November, 2023 ESTABLISHING A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH CHOCTAW STREET AND WEST MAGNOLIA AVENUE.**

It was moved by Council Member Lee that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Absent: Abstentions: None

Mayor Hayes  
Council Member Lee  
Council Member McCoy  
Council Member Fountain  
Council Member Coleman

Council Member Gillespie  
Council Member Tidwell  
Council Member Bixby

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said ordinance had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Coleman that Ordinance Number 11-2023-11 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:



Ayes: Nays: None Absent: Abstentions: None

Mayor Hayes  
Council Member Lee  
Council Member McCoy  
Council Member Fountain  
Council Member Coleman

Council Member Gillespie  
Council Member Tidwell  
Council Member Bixby

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the ordinance passed and adopted as introduced and read.

Council Member Fountain moved to authorize a one-time buyback of up to 40 hours of unused paid time off for employees with a minimum of three weeks of PTO. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer discussed starting salaries for the positions of mechanic and foreman in his departments and requested the starting pay be increased to \$17.50 per hour to help recruit quality applicants.

Council Member Coleman moved to amend the manning document to set the starting salary for the positions of mechanic and foreman for the street and sanitation departments at \$17.50 per hour. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Rescue Director Dorminey discussed starting salaries for the positions of EMT Basic and Advanced and requested the starting pay be increased to \$14.00 for Basic and \$15.00 per hour for Advanced to help recruit quality applicants.

Council Member Lee moved to amend the manning document to set the starting salary for the positions EMT Basic at \$14.00 per hour and \$15.00 per hour for Advanced. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Annual safety meeting
2. Attendance at the DOT Aviation meeting
3. Discussion with businesses needing 100,000 sq ft. buildings
4. Preparation for Christmas
5. City Hall Project
6. Industrial Park Property

Mayor Hayes presented a quote in the amount of \$36,730.00 to remove and perform asbestos remediation on the house located at 204 N. Live Oak Street.

One of the owners was removed from the meeting for causing a disruption. Another property owner had questions regarding the abatement process. City Attorney Gray explained the entire process and how a lien would work.

Council Member Coleman reported on Christmas lunch for the seniors. He asked about putting up the Santa Lane sign and reported on the upcoming Farm City Banquet.

Council Member McCoy inquired about what could be done with the cars on Park Avenue. He requested speed bumps in his district.

Council Member McCoy moved to install speed bumps on Griffin Street and Hendrix Avenue. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member McCoy also asked about the speed limit on 27 South at the Pea River Bridge and the status of the nuisance property on S. Ward Street.

Council Member Lee asked about the status of the light on Promenade Avenue. He requested Building Inspector Wuest look at the area on Magnolia Avenue across from the old Benson Wholesale property as it is very dark at night and may need lights.

Council Member Fountain reported the following properties in his district to be looked at for inclusion on the list of properties needing to be cleaned up:

Corner of High Avenue and Whitney Street

702 N. Whitney Street

602 N. Whitney Street

705 N. Whitney Street

605 N. Morris Street

513 N. Morris Street

He stated that he thought the Code Enforcement Officer should receive additional compensation for completing asbestos remediation training and performing services. Council Member Coleman moved to authorize a \$.50 per hour increase. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Fountain asked about getting the property cleaned up where the house burnt on Campbell Avenue.

Mayor Hayes asked about the burnt house on Spring Avenue and N. Trinity Street.

Police Chief Mock reported the two new hires have started to work and the first case using K-9 had been made.

Mayor Hayes spoke on the excellent job the police department did in recovering a body from the river and how long the Chief stayed in the water to help make the recovery.

Council Member Lee stated there was a positive news story on the police fundraiser. Chief Mock reported on the fundraiser.

Mayor Hayes reported on Veteran's Day events.



Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on equipment and position openings. Decorating the park and the need for businesses to bring their decorations.

Fire Chief Latimer reported the new fire hose has been received and that he would like to donate the old hose to Coffee Springs Fire Department.

Council Member Coleman moved to adopt a resolution declaring the hose no longer needed for public purpose and authorization of disposition by donation to Coffee Springs Volunteer Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes discussed the need for additional turnout gear.

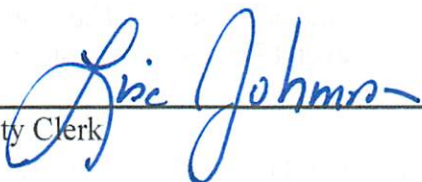
A Mrs. Corey in the audience stated they were going to create a museum in the bottom section of the old fire station and stated she would take any old items the fire department wants to dispose of.

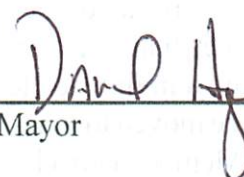
Attorney Gray reported on Court.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson reported that the bleachers and benches have been received for the soccer field.

Chamber President Carl Corey reported on Chamber and DAV functions and upcoming events.

Council Member McCoy moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 4, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on December 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Fountain arrived to the meeting at 6:05 p.m. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council Member Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Coleman moved to approve the minutes of November 20, 2023. Council Member Lee seconded the motion which was approved by a three (3) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Members Gillespie, Tidwell and Bixby abstaining. (Council Member Fountain was not present).

Mr. James Sullivant was present and had asked to be placed on the agenda to speak on Homegrown terrorist and hate crimes. Mr. Sullivant opened his statement by apologizing to Council Member Lee. He then preceded to claim that former City officials from over seven years ago had assaulted him. It was explained to Mr. Sullivant that the Council is not the appropriate route to resolve his issue. Council Member Fountain arrived to the meeting during discussion.

Mr. James Carpenter appeared before Council and informed them he has purchased the property on Live Oak Street that was set for abatement at a previous Council meeting. He requested that Council allow him time to clean up, renovate the property and get it up to code.

Council Member Lee moved to grant Mr. Carpenter time to abate the nuisance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray presented and read an ordinance authorizing the sale of property in the old industrial park.

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the sale in the amount of \$97,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman introduced the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 12-2023-14**



# **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR EXCHANGE OF REAL PROPERTY**

It was moved by Council Member Coleman that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor Hayes  
Council Member Lee  
Council Member McCoy  
Council Member Gillespie  
Council Member Tidwell  
Council Member Bixby  
Council Member Fountain  
Council Member Coleman

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said ordinance had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Coleman that Ordinance Number 12-2023-14 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor Hayes  
Council Member Lee  
Council Member McCoy  
Council Member Gillespie  
Council Member Tidwell  
Council Member Bixby  
Council Member Fountain  
Council Member Coleman

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the ordinance passed and adopted as introduced and read.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve incentive pay based off of the longevity schedule adopted in 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes informed Council he has received a quote to light the oak tree using a timer at night from Alabama Power at a cost of \$69.00 per month. Council Member Bixby moved to

approve the expense. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to authorize bids for the purchase of two cardiac monitors. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to amend the agenda to add an ordinance regulating speed on Griffin Avenue and Hendrix Avenue. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray presented and read an ordinance regulating speeding on Griffin Avenue and Hendrix Avenue.

Council Member McCoy introduced the following ordinance:

# **ORDINANCE 12-2023-15**

## **AN ORDINANCE TO ADJUST SPEED LIMITS AND TO POST SPEED LIMIT SIGNS**

It was moved by Council Member McCoy that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor Hayes  
Council Member Lee  
Council Member McCoy  
Council Member Gillespie  
Council Member Tidwell  
Council Member Bixby  
Council Member Fountain  
Council Member Coleman

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said ordinance had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member McCoy that Ordinance Number 12-2023-15 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None



Mayor Hayes  
Council Member Lee  
Council Member McCoy  
Council Member Gillespie  
Council Member Tidwell  
Council Member Bixby  
Council Member Fountain  
Council Member Coleman

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the ordinance passed and adopted as introduced and read.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Decorating for Christmas
2. Postponing the parade due to weather
3. City Hall project
4. Airport

Council Member Fountain inquired about the splash pad project, issue with purchasing property for the airport, sign for the airport and status of the burnt house on Campbell. Mayor Hayes gave an update on each question.

Council Member Bixby addressed item A on the agenda dealing with issues on Lakewood Loop where an individual is building a barricade on right-of-way.

Council Member Tidwell discussed an issue with a broken waterline in the Glendale Subdivision area.

Council Member Bixby reported Spectrum had finished running lines up Highway 85.

Council Member Lee expressed appreciation for the City putting up a sign for SEACAP and asked the Building Inspector about the status of the street light for Promenade Avenue.

Council Member Lee inquired about the nuisance property on Ward Street.

Council Member Gillespie inquired about a long stretch of trees being cut on Franklin Avenue. She asked that JP Jones and Franklin Avenue be graded as soon as possible. Council Member Gillespie reported she has been asked to get a Planning Commission meeting set to discuss rezoning property for apartments.

Council Member Coleman reported on the Senior Citizen Thanksgiving lunch and upcoming Christmas lunch. He requested the Santa Lane signs be put up. He also reported on Christmas lunch for the seniors. He asked about putting up the Santa Lane sign and reported on the upcoming Farm City Banquet.

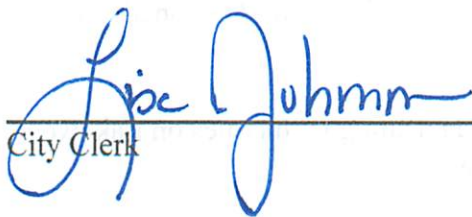
Police Captain McDuffie gave a report on activity for November. He stated officers will make more walkthroughs due to the holiday season. He also stated once the speed limit signs are installed they will move the flashing speed sign to the area to help notify people of the change.

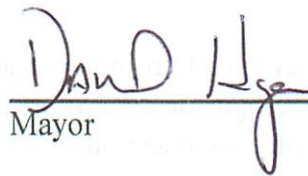
Rescue Director Dorminey reported on changes that have resulted in reduced overtime.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell.

Chamber President Carl Corey reported on Chamber and DAV functions and upcoming events.

Council adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor



GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 18, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on December 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Freddy McCoy and Rich Bixby were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council Member Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Coleman moved to approve the minutes of December 4, 2023. Council Member Lee seconded the motion which was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mr. Corey Gainey was present to make a complaint against the Police Chief and department alleging his civil rights had been violated.

Council discussed a holiday schedule for 2024. Council Member Coleman stated he would like to see the day after Christmas added to the schedule. Council Member Lee moved to approve the holiday schedule as presented and adding the day after Christmas. Council Member Gillespie seconded the motion which was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Ft. Novosel trip by local officials and employees
2. Commended the DAV chapter on being active
3. City Hall project
4. Christmas parade
5. Possible grant opportunity for an industrial park
6. Department Christmas parties
7. Annual safety meeting
8. Library improvement projects
9. Placement of a barrier at the new park site in preparation of the splash pad

During the Mayor's report on the City Hall project he explained that due to supply and demand for building materials, it would be necessary to make changes to the electrical plans in

order to keep the project moving at an estimated cost of \$3,200.00. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize a change order on the project. Council Member Lee seconded the motion which was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Members discussed the length of time the library has been closed and asked if it could not be partially reopened. Council Member Gillespie moved that during the time the Library is closed that the employees be transferred temporarily to other departments in order to continue to be paid or if they were not willing to be transferred then temporarily laid off. Council Member Lee seconded the motion which was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Fountain discussed individuals using the batting cages for free to offer training lessons and charge fees. He stated these individuals need to pay the City for use. Several payment options were discussed but no action taken.

Recreation Director Adams discussed setting a fee for use of fields for tournaments for travel ball organizations between \$100.00 and \$200.00 per field. He discussed that he already has tournaments on the schedule.

Council Member Tidwell discussed garbage schedules and how the new system seems to be working without many complaints.

Council Member Lee also commented on how the new garbage system is working and commended the work by city crews on cemeteries.

Council Member Coleman inquired about the schedule for the limb truck and asked if both trucks could be run.

Mayor Hayes explained there has been a claim filed on insurance for damage to a water main under the soccer field in the amount of \$50,164.72. He also explained there is a \$2,500.00 deductible the City will have to pay. Council Member Lee moved to authorize the payment. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie asked if the City could have city streets repaired that have been damaged by the Water Department and the department billed or insurance claim filed.

City Clerk Johnson reminded Council that the Zoning Board of Adjustments has vacancies that need to be filled.

City Attorney Gray reported on Court and the status of the purchase of property for the airport.



Police Captain McDuffie gave a report on activity. He offered tips for safety during the holiday season and reported on a speed chase through town. He informed Council new calendars are in if anyone would like one.

Council Member Gillespie reported that through discussions with Ft. Novosel personnel, it was learned there are several volunteer programs and forms of assistance available to the City. Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on projects.

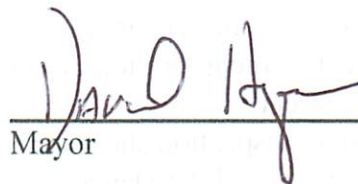
Building Inspector Wuest answered questions regarding installation of requested street lights.

Fire Chief Latimer reported on activity for the year and needed repairs to equipment.

Mayor Hayes asked the Street and Sanitation Superintendent to check into servicing the vehicles for Rescue.

Council Member Fountain moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING &  
PUBLIC HEARING  
JANUARY 2, 2024  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on January 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Freddy McCoy was absent. Council Member Fountain arrived at 6:15 p.m. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council Member Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

With due public notice being provided to property owners, a public hearing was held at this time to address abatement for violations of ordinance number 04-2021-02 on property located at 205 N. Cherokee Street.

Pictures and an inspection sheet were presented as evidence of violations on the property. City Attorney Gray reviewed the Dangerous Building Checklist and items noted which were part of the notice to the property owner(s) and asked Building Inspector Wuest if he inspected and completed the form and if that was his signature on the form and if the property was deemed unsafe and a public nuisance. Building Inspector Wuest confirmed completion of the form, verified it was deemed unsafe and a nuisance and verified his signature. He asked Code Enforcement Officer Owens if he took the pictures on record and if the pictures reflected the condition of the property. Code Enforcement Owens stated he made the recording and it reflected the condition of the property.

Mayor Hayes opened the floor for public discussion both in favor of and opposition to abatement. No one was present to speak on the matter.

Council discussed the issue. Council Member Fountain arrived at 6:15 during Council discussion.

Upon completion of the public hearing, regular session began.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of December 18, 2023, as presented. Council Member Lee seconded the motion which was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Bixby abstaining.



Mayor Hayes presented a Mayor's Certificate to recreation employee Jay Howell in recognition of his dedication to the City of Geneva and being named the 2023 Alabama Recreation and Parks Association grounds staff of the year for District 6.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING LOCATED AT 205 N. CHEROKEE STREET, GENEVA, ALABAMA, PARCEL ID#1804194015007000, IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 11-40-30 THROUGH 11-40-36, SECTIONS 11-53B-1 THROUGH 11-53B-16, INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-02 OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; AND CALLING FOR THE CITY TO CAUSE SAID DEMOLITION TO BE PERFORMED AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE THE COST OF SUCH DEMOLITION TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE LAND ON WHICH THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE EXISTS AS A MUNICIPAL LIEN OR CAUSE SUCH COST TO BE RECOVERED IN A SUIT AT LAW AGAINST THE OWNER OR OWNERS IF THE VIOLATION IS NOT VOLUNTARILY ABATED WITHIN 20 DAYS.**

Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to hold a public hearing on redistricting for the City on February 20, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Members requested the City Clerk provide them information regarding the qualifications and purpose of the Board of Adjustments.

After due public notice, bids for cardiac monitors for the Rescue Squad were publicly opened on December 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Bids received were as follows:

Master Medical Equipment MME :

Bid Per Unit - \$17,750.00

Trade In per Unit - \$500.00

Extended 1 year warranty - \$1,600

Extended 2 year warranty - \$3,000

Extended 3 year warranty - \$4,200

Extended 4 year warranty - \$5,250

Council Member Lee moved to award the bid for two units with two trade-ins and extended 4 year warranty to the sole bidder Master Medical Equipment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. City Hall project
2. Possible industrial site grant
3. An invitation from the Lions Club to attend their meeting with a guest speaker addressing medical cannabis in Alabama
4. AUASA meeting

City Clerk Johnson reported on the upcoming audit, new birding trail signs, rate increase for cable and a new hire in the Clerk's office for payroll clerk.

City Attorney Gray reported on court.

Police Chief Mock gave an activity report for the calendar year and recapped programs held and sponsored during the year by the police department.

Recreation Director Adams reported on upcoming programs. He recommended naming Field 5 at Chapman Park Stough Field in honor of former Recreation Director Jay Stough. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the naming of the field Stough Field. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell inquired about the garbage schedule for the upcoming year. At this point the contractor has not provided the information.

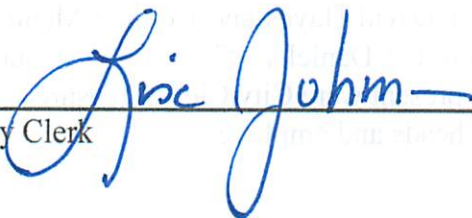
Council Member Gillespie reported the City has received official notification that the \$20,000.00 Wiregrass RC&D grant for the pier has been awarded. She stated there is a match required in the same amount and the project must be completed by November. She stated that with the number of children riding bikes on Live Oak Street that something needs to be done about speeding and inquired about speedbumps that have been previously discussed. Council Member Gillespie also reported on complaints regarding damage to dirt roads in the Pinecrest area caused by ATVs and go carts. She presented information on solar lights and asked that they be considered for various areas such as the turn at 52 going to the Junction, parks, parking lots, walking trails, etc. She also stated she would like to see a work session to address Rescue Squad billing.

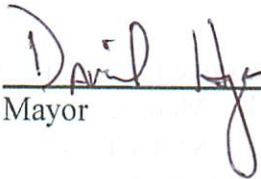
Council Member Coleman requested use of the Junction for the Lion Club's pancake supper. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize use. The motion was seconded by Council



Member Bixby and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Coleman abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

  
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Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 16, 2024  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on January 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Ryan Tidwell and Rich Bixby were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council Member Fountain gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Gillespie moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of January 2, 2024, as presented. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes signed a Proclamation for Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

Mr. James Carpenter appeared before Council and informed them he has purchased the property at 205 Cherokee Street that was set for abatement at a previous Council meeting. He requested that Council allow him time to clean up, renovate the property and get it up to code.

Council Member Gillespie moved to grant Mr. Carpenter time to abate the nuisance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt a resolution ratifying the City's current millage rate of 12 mills. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to request Congressionally Directed Spending funds through Senator Tuberville for new police cars for the police department. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

A work session was set for February 12, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.



Council Member Gillespie moved to approve the unaudited 4<sup>th</sup> quarter FY 23 financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Cold weather shelter
2. Renovations to the old Community Center so the recreation department can be relocated and the old portable office building moved for use by the police department for the firing range.
3. Upcoming meeting with the Director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs
4. Meeting with Congressman Moore
5. Airport sign
6. New park
7. Splash pad
8. Work at the Airport
9. Sale of the property at the old industrial park
10. Two national business chains are looking at properties in Geneva
11. City Hall project
12. New families moving to town
13. Mayor's forum meeting
14. Invitation to the Republican Women's meeting where the Alabama Attorney General will be the guest speaker

City Clerk Johnson reported the large map for redistricting has been requested. She explained the minimum requirements for advertising the proposed redistricting plan but recommended the City publish the entire proposed ordinance and map showing the proposed new districts. She stated the cost would be approximately \$1,400.00. Council Member Coleman stated he would like to see a story leading up to the ad to help the public understand why this is being done. Council Member Gillespie ask that it also be posted on the website, social media and possibly the Chamber's website. Council discussed the process for redistricting. Council Member Lee moved to authorize the City Clerk to advertise above the minimum requirements. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson informed Council that Mrs. Tewanna Marks-McElwee had provided information on the Geneva County Black History Month Program which was distributed on the table. Mrs. McElwee was present and gave an overview of the program. Council discussed a donation to the scholarship fund. Council Member Coleman moved to allocate \$500.00 for the scholarship program pending the legality. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray reported on court and that several cases are scheduled for trial at the next court dated. He reported the Police Chief and court are working to find help for an individual that is repeatedly incarcerated.

Police Chief Mock reported on hosting 130 law enforcement and school personnel for a program called Profiling Dangerous People. He also reported on the Too Good for Drugs Program. Recreation Director Adams reported on baseball/softball signups.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported he has an employee that is 57 years old that has recently obtained his driver license for the first time in his life.

Rescue Director Dorminey stated she would like to sell an old 2009 ambulance. She stated she was told it has a new engine but does not run. Mayor Hayes stated the City mechanic could look to see if they can determine what is wrong with it. Director Dorminey stated she also has old equipment she would like to trade in for extra charging stations for the new monitors. Council Member Lee moved to adopt a resolution declaring the equipment no longer needed for public purpose and authorize disposition by trade in on charging stations for monitors. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee reported he has discussed the condition of the street at the community cemetery with Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer. He inquired if the Mayor has contacted anyone regarding the grave that has caved in. He reported he has discussed property on Minshew across from New Life Church with the Code Enforcement Officer and also asked him to touch base with the owner of the holding pen on King Avenue regarding putting up some sort of blinder to block the view. He inquired about the status of the property for the airport. Council Member Lee requested the West End of West Mulkey be repaired. He reported there is still a problem with flooding on Morris Street in front of the church. He commended the police department for helping with the march held the previous day. Council Member Lee asked the Mayor if he could share details on Project Greenlight.

Council Member Gillespie asked if Westmont and Franklin could be put on the schedule for grading as soon as possible. She reported that MDI will only observe 4 holidays, New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas. She stated the schedules will change in the future but MDI will be responsible for notifying customers and will give a months' notice.

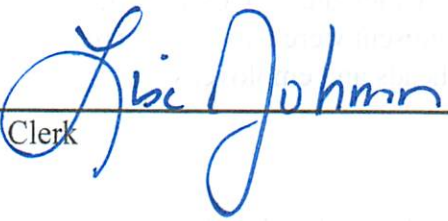
Council discussed the lighting option provided by Council Member Gillespie at last meeting.

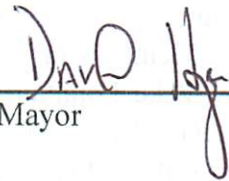
Council Member Coleman recommended removing the crape myrtle trees along the road leading into Fowler Park. Council Member Coleman inquired about the status of the grant for the vans for the senior citizens center.



Council discussed a beautification committee. Council Member Gillespie volunteered to chair the committee.

Council Member Coleman moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

  
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Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 5, 2024  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on February 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell and Rich Bixby were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council Member Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of January 16, 2024, as presented. Council Member Lee seconded the motion which was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to amend the agenda to add an item for a proclamation signing. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes read and signed a Proclamation declaring February as Black History Month in Geneva, Alabama.

Members of the Geneva Woman's Club were present and presented a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the City for the purchase of bleachers, benches and other needs.

Mayor Hayes presented the need to sell property in the old industrial park to allow access to property recently purchased by a new industry. He recommended a small strip of land be sold and that based off the previous land sale fair market value would be between \$5,000.00 and \$7,000.00. Attorney Gray presented an ordinance authorizing the sale and explained the process to convey property.

Council Member Lee moved to set the price at \$6,250.00. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee introduced the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 02-2024-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA, AUTHORIZING THE  
SALE OR EXCHANGE OF REAL PROPERTY**



It was moved by Council Member Lee that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

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| Ayes: | Nays: None | Absent: | Abstentions: None |
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| Mayor Hayes             | Council Member Gillespie |
| Council Member Lee      | Council Member Tidwell   |
| Council Member McCoy    | Council Member Bixby     |
| Council Member Fountain |                          |
| Council Member Coleman  |                          |

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said ordinance had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Coleman that Ordinance Number 02-2024-01 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

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| Ayes:                   | Nays: None | Absent:                  | Abstentions: |
| Council Member Lee      |            | Council Member Gillespie | Mayor Hayes  |
| Council Member McCoy    |            | Council Member Tidwell   |              |
| Council Member Fountain |            | Council Member Bixby     |              |
| Council Member Coleman  |            |                          |              |

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the ordinance passed and adopted as introduced and read.

Council Member Fountain moved to approve a parade permit for the Geneva River Festival Committee to have its annual parade. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to rescind action to hold a public hearing on redistricting scheduled on February 20, 2024, and to reschedule at a future meeting. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. City Hall project
2. Splash pad project
3. Upcoming meeting with the Director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

4. Meeting with members of First Methodist Church
5. Library renovations
6. Airport projects, litigation and sign

Clerk Johnson reminded everyone of the February 12<sup>th</sup> work session.

City Attorney Gray reported on court.

Council Member Fountain inquired if there was any update on national brand businesses wanting to locate in Geneva, he asked if lights at the Junction could be checked as several are out, dumping on Forrest Street is still an issue that needs to be investigated and someone is living in a camper at 117 E. Hart Avenue.

Council Member Lee requested the minutes reflect the passing of longtime news anchor Mike Gurspan and expressed his condolences. He inquired about obtaining the property needed for the airport project and expressed that he is in favor of what ever action is needed to see that the project moves forward. He stated he has received a call from someone all the way in New Jersey asking if Geneva is getting a new dress shop and expressed the need for one. He informed Council he has reached out to Congressman Barry Moore and asked for help with funding for the pier project.

Council Member McCoy reported he has received complaints about lowering the speed limit on Griffin Street and asked if it can be changed back. Attorney Gray explained the process but recommended giving it a little time before taking action. Council Member McCoy also asked about changing the speed limit on Pea River Bridge. Council Member Gray reported he has spoke with personnel at DOT as it is a State Highway and that it will be up to DOT to initiate the change. Council Member McCoy said he has received several questions regarding what is in the plastic bags at the old Fleming warehouse.

Council Member Coleman reported it was the last week of rec basketball. He complimented the recreation director on taking action on a situation that occurred during a game. He also reported on an upcoming basketball tournament.

Council Member Fountain stated throughout the year different signs are placed at Cumbaa Street leading to the junction, such as Christmas in the Park and River Festival. He asked if new post could be installed for signs to be placed on.

Mayor Hayes stated the recreation department employees have been renovating the back area of the old community center and that it is a big improvement.

Mayor Hayes informed Council that the Code Enforcement Officer has recently received two new certifications that will be beneficial in his position.

Police Chief Mock gave a January activity report. He reported on the Too Good for Drugs Program and stated volunteers are still needed and on the two officers in the Police



Academy. He informed Council that the traffic grants allow salaried individuals to receive overtime pay if approved by Council. He asked if he could be allowed to work the program and be compensated. Council Member Fountain moved to approve the Police Chief to be able to receive overtime pay if he works a traffic grant where monies are reimbursable. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported a property being voluntarily torn down and letters he has sent out.

Rescue Director Dorminey stated she has an offer to purchase an old ambulance no longer being used for \$8,500.00, which due to age and condition should be fair market value. Council Member Coleman moved to adopt a resolution declaring the vehicle no longer needed for public purchase and authorized the sale thereof. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on servicing fire extinguishers city wide. He recommended that recycling be reevaluated and possibly discontinued at its current location. Council agreed to discuss the issue at a work session.

Fire Chief Latimer reported on an evaluation interview with ISO. He requested permission to apply for an AFG grant for 15 sets of new turnout gear with the City committing a \$4,000.00 match and paying the grant writer a \$4,000.00 fee. Council Member Fountain moved to authorize application for funding. Council Member Coleman seconded the motion which was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor opened the floor to public comments:

Ms. Beth Meeks was present and reported a missing stop sign leading out onto Magnolia Avenue from Center Plaza.

Mr. Carl Corey gave a report from the Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Tewann Marks-McElwee reminded Council of the upcoming Black History celebration and an upcoming Senior Day.

Council Member Coleman moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
FEBRUARY 12, 2024  
4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

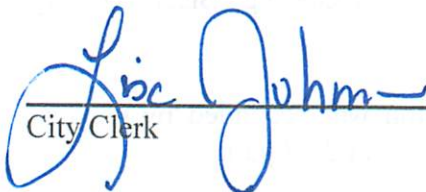
The Geneva City Council met in regular session on February 12, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Rufus Lee, Kim Gillespie, and Ryan Tidwell were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

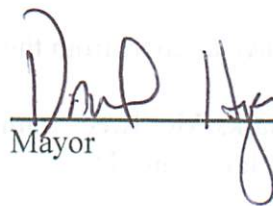
Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Items discussed were:

1. Rescue billing
2. Recycling
3. Recreation renovations
4. Engineering for the new park project
5. Name for the new park
6. Redistricting
7. Pier project
8. Lighting
9. Court funding
10. Personnel policies

Council adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

  
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Mayor



GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2024  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on February 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Rufus Lee and Rich Bixby were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

City Attorney Gray gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of February 5 and 12, 2024, as presented. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a three (3) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Gillespie and Tidwell abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize use of Robert Fowler Park by the Geneva River Festival Committee to hold its annual festival. Council Member Gillespie seconded the motion which was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adopt a resolution committing a 20% match for the Congressionally Directed Spending Grant application to purchase cars for the police department that was approved at a prior meeting. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to amend the manning document to reclassify the Librarian position from salary to hourly. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Recreation Director Adams asked that position titles for his department be renamed to Recreation Specialist I and II and presented updated job descriptions. Council Member Tidwell moved to amend the manning document to update position titles and job descriptions for the recreation department. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported he has a pledge of a donation to help with pickleball courts. Council discussed previous action to stripe the tennis courts for pickleball and the need to possibly refurbish the tennis courts.

A work session was set for March 11, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Meeting for elected officials to be held by Wiregrass Economic Development, Corp.
2. Bridge project
3. Splash pad project
4. City Hall project
5. Airport projects
6. Meeting with hospital board
7. Ft. Novosel working in the community
8. Sr. Citizens Valentine party
9. Engineers for the new park project
10. Meeting with ADECA regarding a turn lane

Clerk Johnson reported personnel from GovDeals will come next week to upload items for auction. The old recreation trail was discussed as there have been offers on the building. Council Member Gillespie moved to declare the building no longer needed for public purpose and authorize the sale by online auction. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray reported on court and trials.

Council Member Coleman reminded everyone of the Lion's Club pancake supper. He reported he has received complaints regarding issues with person in the elementary school car line getting in line early and blocking the street for long periods of time. He asked if an ordinance could be adopted to regulate time individuals can park in the street.

Council Member Gillespie inquired about information from Geneva Rescue regarding billing. She stated she has spoken with code enforcement regarding complaints that need to be abated and people residing in campers.

Council Member McCoy inquired about a start date for the sewer project to begin.

Council Member Tidwell stated he has complaints regarding a drain box in his district and he would discuss it with the Street Superintendent.

Council Member Fountain reported someone is living in a camper at 117 E. Hart Avenue. He reported he has spoke with code enforcement regarding dumping of trash and debris. He also reported he spoke with Street Superintendent regarding the drainage ditch that runs from Morris Street to Whitney Street that is backing up.

Mayor Hayes reported an issue with the drainage on Hemlock and Trinity.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on projects. He asked if Council has made a decision on recycling and if they want to sell the 2018 garbage truck on Govdeals.



Council Member Gillespie moved declare the garbage truck no longer needed for public purpose and authorized listing on GovDeals. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman moved to discontinue recycling effective March 20, 2024. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Recreation Director Adams reported soldiers from Ft. Novosel had assisted with work around parks and the community center, tournaments and the community center renovations.

Building Inspector Wuest reported on lighting upgrades by Alabama Power.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported on a house being torn down by the owner. He reported on two properties where he has contacted the owners regarding cleanup.

Rescue Director Dorminey reported that an agreement with the medical center has been secured to always provide them a truck, transports have increased, last month saw record billings. She requested to be allowed to put on a second 24 hour truck using part-time labor on a trial basis to see if it will fund itself. She also reported the department was working on partnering with Enterprise Rescue to assist with their transports and are working on a mutual aide agreement.

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize a second truck on a 90 day trial basis. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

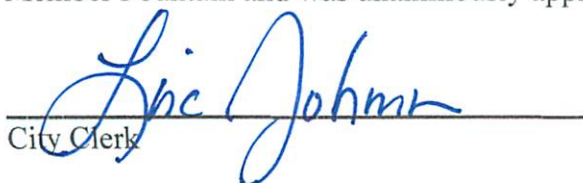
Fire Chief Latimer reported on an evaluation interview with ISO. The AFG grant for 15 sets of new turnout gear. He brought up disposal of old SCBA packs and air tanks. Council Member Fountain moved to authorize application for funding. Council Member Coleman moved to declare the equipment no longer needed for public purpose, make them inoperable by removing the valves, list them on GovDeals as scrap or training use only with a liability disclaimer. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

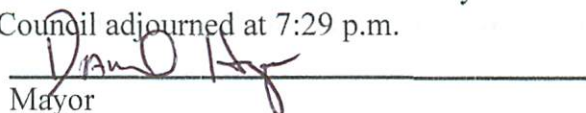
Mayor opened the floor to public comments:

Chamber President Carl Corey gave a report on Chamber of Commerce and DVA.

Ms. Beth Meeks was present and complimented work on JP Jones Road and asked questions about dumping.

Council Member McCoy moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION &

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 4, 2024

MINUTES

WORKSESSION

4:30 P.M.

The Geneva City Council met in work session on March 4, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Ryan Tidwell was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray.

Scott Farmer, Director of Southeast Alabama Planning and Development Commission, was present and presented a redistricting plan for the City.

Work session adjourned and regular session began at 6:00 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

6:00 P.M.

Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Ryan Tidwell was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

City Attorney Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of February 20, 2024, as presented. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Members Lee and Bixby abstaining.

Council hear a request from Chelsie Smith for the Geneva graduating class of 2005 to use Robert Fowler Park for a dance for homecoming activities.

Council Member Bixby moved to authorize use of Robert Fowler Park by the Class of 2005, pending meeting insurance requirements. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.



Council Member Lee moved to appoint Council Member Gillespie to be the City's Contact Person for Mainstreet and authorize her to execute a Memorandum of Agreement for being a Network Community. Council Member Bixby seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize Council Member Lee as the City's voting delegate for the City at the 2024 Alabama League of Municipalities Convention. Council Member Bixby seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray presented and reviewed a floodplain ordinance for the City of Geneva.

Council Member Lee introduced the following ordinance:

# **ORDINANCE 03-2024-02**

## **FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE**

It was moved by Council Member Lee that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

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| Ayes: | Nays: None | Absent: | Abstentions: None |
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| Mayor Hayes              | Council Member Tidwell |
| Council Member Lee       |                        |
| Council Member McCoy     |                        |
| Council Member Gillespie |                        |
| Council Member Bixby     |                        |
| Council Member Fountain  |                        |
| Council Member Coleman   |                        |

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said ordinance had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Lee that Ordinance Number 02-2024-02 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

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| Ayes: | Nays: None | Absent: | Abstentions: None |
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| Mayor Hayes        | Council Member Tidwell |
| Council Member Lee |                        |

Council Member McCoy  
Council Member Gillespie  
Council Member Bixby  
Council Member Fountain  
Council Member Coleman

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the ordinance passed and adopted as introduced and read.

Council Member Bixby moved to amend the agenda to add item E. Redistricting. Council Member Gillespie seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Bixby moved to select the redistricting alternate plan prepared by Scott Farmer with the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission as the proposed plan for the City of Geneva and to hold a public hearing on the matter on April 1, 2024. Council Member Gillespie seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Splash pad project
2. City park project
3. City Hall project
4. Industry sites
5. Economic Development meeting
6. Housing needs
7. Transports from the hospital
8. Ft. Novosel meeting

Council Member Gillespie asked if stops signs and street marking at the signs be replaced at intersections near the high school and middle school.

Council Member Bixby reported it was dim and hard to see the stop sign on Live Oak street and asked the Street Superintendent to look at the issue.

Council Member Lee requested the Street Superintendent look at the ditch issue at the west end of E Mulkey Ave. He reported the speed bumps on Mulkey need to be replaced. He stated he has concerns about City Court and asked Code Enforcement Officer Owens about the disposition of a case involving a nuisance complaint in Herring Subdivision. Council Member Lee stated he would like to go into executive session at the end of the meeting on a issue that could reflect on good name and character.

Council Member Fountain reported on a nuisance complaint and someone living in a camper trailer in his district.

Clerk Johnson reported all items have been upload to the online auction.



City Attorney Gray reported on court and trials.

Police Chief Mock gave an activity report for the month of February. He stated he feels the smoking and tent ordinances need revisions and stated he would work with the City Attorney on the matter. Chief Mock requested permission to subscribe to a records search program called TLO to assist with investigations for the department at a cost of \$170.00 per month. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize the subscription. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

A community alert system was discussed.

Rescue Director Dorminey reported on February Billings and that the second trial crew had started.

Recreation Director Adams reported on Allstar Tournaments for participants and a travel ball tournament held in Geneva. He reported on moving into the new office and shredding old documents.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on the cost to replace missing street lamp post and to upgrade the globes on posts. He informed Council that the hay contractor has volunteered to take down all the remaining trees at no cost at the airport. Chief Mock stated he doesn't want all the trees removed due to the firing range. Superintendent Brewer asked to be allowed to change his department to a four (4) day ten (10) hour work week Monday through Thursday. The issue was scheduled for the March 11<sup>th</sup> work session.

Mayor Hayes opened the public participation portion of the agenda.

Chamber President Carl Corey gave a report on Chamber functions.

Attorney Gray stated an executive session as requested by Council Member Lee was in order as discussion met the criteria of good name and character. He stated there would be no announcement after executive session which was estimated to be 20 minutes.

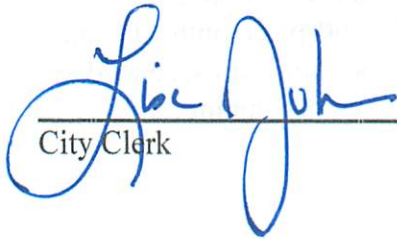
Council Member Lee moved to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. Mayor Hayes called for a roll call vote with the following results:

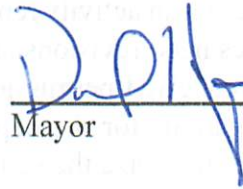
Ayes: Council Members Lee, McCoy, Gillespie, Bixby, Fountain, Coleman.  
Nays: None

The Mayor declared the motion passed and executive session approved. Executive session began at 7:20 p.m. with the Mayor, all Council Members, City Clerk and City Attorney in attendance.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Executive session adjourned at 7:45 p.m. There was no announcement following executive session.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adjourn regular session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

  
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Mayor



GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
MARCH 11, 2024  
4:00 P.M.

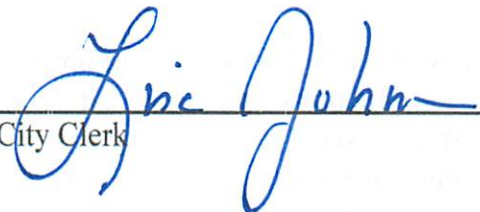
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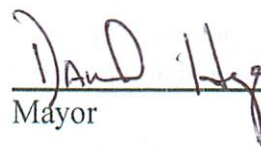
The Geneva City Council met in work session on March 11, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Rich Bixby and Ryan Tidwell were absent. Council Member Rufus Lee attended by phone. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various employees.

Items discussed were:

Tiny Homes  
Work Schedule – Street and Sanitation Department  
Airport FBO Lease Agreement

Work session adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

  
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Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2024  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on March 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council Member Fountain gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of March 4, 2024, with corrections as to those present and March 11, 2024, as presented. Council Member Gillespie seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Tidwell abstaining.

Police Chief Mock presented a Life Saving Award to Lieutenant Ryan Moore and Corp. Brandon Rodgers was promoted and pinned to the rank of Sergeant.

Mayor Hayes presented estimates for a security system for the new City Hall in the amount of \$79,000.00 and a quote to run wiring for IT/communication functions at the new City Hall estimated a little under \$15,000.00. Council Member Gillespie moved to approve the cost for security and IT/communication services. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported he will be meeting with the Director of ALDOT in April and asked Council if they would like for him to seek funding for another street resurfacing project. He stated the City would have to contribute matching funds to the project. He asked Council to review their districts for a list of streets that need to be resurfaced.

Council Member Gillespie moved to approve a well permit for Rollie Barber at 721X E. JP Jones Street. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Meetings with companies about public-private partnerships
2. Meeting regarding lighting projects



3. Light on the water tank to illuminate Geneva emblem
4. Industry sites
5. Meeting with Senator Chesteen regarding needs and funding
6. Curbing at the soccer/baseball complex
7. Closing of the soccer project
8. Splash pad contractor
9. Recommitment of monies from a local bank and individual for projects
10. Meeting with Wiregrass Economic Development Director
11. Discussion with new leadership at Johnson Controls/Ruskin Company about their desire to be apart of the city and assist with projects
12. Closing of the local newspaper
13. City Hall project
14. Senior Citizen Spring Fling

City Clerk Johnson reported on the Govdeals online auction.

City Attorney Gray stated he had no report but may ask for a public hearing at next meeting.

Council Member Fountain reported the ditch behind 121 E. Fleming needs to be cleaned out and the mouth of the pipe for the ditch that runs from Morris street to 123 E. Hart is clogged up. He inquired if the lighting at Fowler Park had been looked at and if it will be repaired any time soon. Council Member Fountain also reported a nuisance complaint at 702 N. Whitney Street.

Council Member Lee asked if monies for resurfacing could be used at the the west end of Mulkey and if a price for improvements had been received. He reported at the east end at the intersection of Trinity and Mulkey there were drainage issues that need to be addressed. Council Member Lee asked the Mayor if he had been able to discuss an issue with the power company regarding trees growing up in power lines.

Council Member Gillespie asked the Mayor if he had an opportunity to meet with a contractor regarding the pier project and how the meeting went. She also inquired about comments at a previous meeting by the Rescue Director regarding contracts for service, she asked if the contracts had been reviewed by the City Attorney and reminded everyone employees couldn't enter into contracts without Council approval.

Council Member Gillespie asked about the trial for the 4-day work week for the street and sanitation department. Council Member Gillespie moved to grant a 60 day trial period for the 4-day work period Monday through Thursday from 6:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. with 30 minutes for lunch beginning the first pay period in April. Council Member Lee seconded the motion which was approved by a five (5) to two (2) vote. Those voting for the motion were Council Members Gillespie, Lee, McCoy, Bixby and Coleman. Council Members Tidwell and Fountain voted against the motion. Mayor Hayes abstained from the vote.

Council Member Gillespie stated she has received several complaints regarding lack of restaurants in town.

Council Member Fountain stated he has received several complaints about lighting coming into town and asked how lighting works on State highways.

Police Chief Mock reported on the upcoming prom and safety, locking of basement doors at City Hall.

Recreation Director Adams reported on allstar competition and that the 8U girls were runner ups in basketball. He reported changes to opening ceremonies for baseball/softball season and the Chapman Park dedication. Director Adams also reported on repairs and upgrades to the road going over the creek at Chapman Park and light pole replacement.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported work to the ditch on Mulkey is complete, stop sign replacement is underway, and road repairs from recent rains. Superintendent Brewer reported he has received a request from Josh Spicer on Camellia Avenue for curbing or building up the road.

Fire Chief Ben Latimer reported he would like to increase the amount of grant monies being requested on the FEMA grant by \$2,000.00 to cover freight. The amount would increase the City's match by 5%.

Mayor Hayes opened the public participation portion of the agenda.

Chamber President Carl Corey gave a report on Chamber functions. He reported on a volunteer clean up program utilizing Ft. Novosel soldiers and asked Council to canvas their districts for those constituents in need of assistance and let him know by next meeting.

Pastor Russell Clausell reported on the upcoming Holy Week.

Council Member Coleman called for an executive session for Attorney Gray to make a report. Attorney Gray stated an executive session as requested by Council Member Coleman was in order as discussion met the criteria of pending litigation. He stated there would be no announcement after executive session which was estimated to be 20 minutes.

Council Member Coleman moved to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee. Mayor Hayes called for a roll call vote with the following results:

Ayes: Mayor Hayes, Council Members Lee, McCoy, Gillespie, Tidwell, Bixby, Fountain, Coleman.

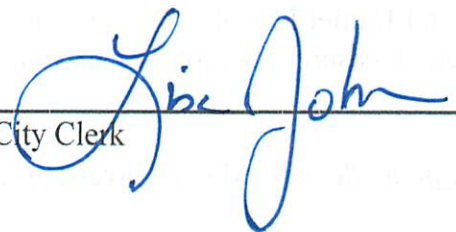
Nays: None

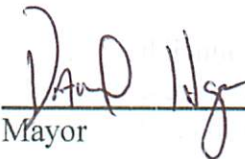
The Mayor declared the motion passed and executive session approved. Executive session began at 7:30 p.m. with the Mayor, all Council Members, City Clerk and City Attorney in attendance.



Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was unanimously approved. Executive session adjourned at 7:40 p.m. There was no announcement following executive session.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adjourn regular session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING &  
PUBLIC HEARING  
APRIL 1, 2024  
5:30 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council held a public hearing on April 1, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Ryan Tidwell was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson and City Attorney Jeff Gray.

With due public notice being advertised in the Geneva County Reaper, Mayor Hayes called the public hearing to order.

Mr. Scott Farmer, Executive Director of the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission, was present and explained that approximately every ten years after the release of the decennial U.S. Census data, cities must examine their Council district boundaries to assess the need for changes. The districts are reviewed to assess the appropriateness of the updated population figures with required objectives for fair voting districts. He further explained that his agency has been contracted by the City of Geneva to prepare a proposed plan for redistricting.

Mr. Farmer presented and outlined a plan for redistricting and answered questions regarding the proposal.

Mayor Hayes opened the floor to public comments both in favor of and in opposition to the proposed plan. No one from the public that was present requested to be heard. Mayor Hayes then opened the floor to Council discussion.

The public hearing adjourned and regular session began at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Ryan Tidwell was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads and employees.

Council Member Fountain gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of March 18, 2024, as presented. Council Member Coleman seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Senator Donnie Chesteen was present and presented a grant in the amount of \$25,000.00, to the City of Geneva for the library.



Mayor Hayes presented a check to the Friends of the Emma Knox Kenan Library transferring the balance of funds remaining in an account held by the City upon completion of renovations.

Chamber President Carl Cory outlined a volunteer community service program utilizing Ft. Novosel soldiers and asked Council to work on identifying participants for the program.

Council Member Coleman introduced the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE 04-2024-03**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GENEVA TO ADJUST THE BOUNDARIES OF COUNCIL DISTRICTS FOR THE CITY OF GENEVA PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 11-46-23, CODE OF ALABAMA, 1975.

It was moved by Council Member Coleman that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

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| Ayes: | Nays: None | Absent: | Abstentions: None |
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| Mayor Hayes              | Council Member Tidwell |
| Council Member Lee       |                        |
| Council Member McCoy     |                        |
| Council Member Gillespie |                        |
| Council Member Bixby     |                        |
| Council Member Fountain  |                        |
| Council Member Coleman   |                        |

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said ordinance had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Coleman that Ordinance Number 04-2024-03 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

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| Ayes: | Nays: None | Absent: | Abstentions: |
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| Council Member Lee       | Council Member Tidwell | Mayor Hayes |
| Council Member McCoy     |                        |             |
| Council Member Gillespie |                        |             |
| Council Member Bixby     |                        |             |
| Council Member Fountain  |                        |             |

Council Member Coleman

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the ordinance passed and adopted as introduced and read.

Council Member Gillespie moved to appoint a committee comprised of Mayor Hayes, herself, Council Members Bixby and Lee, and City Clerk Johnson for the purpose of reviewing accounts receivable records for rescue billing and authorize the Treasurer as the designee to request any needed financial and billing information from the outside billing company. Council Member Coleman seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Opening ceremony for recreation softball/baseball programs and rededication of Chapman Park
2. Congratulations to new Geneva queens
3. City Hall project
4. ALDOT meeting in July
5. Pier Project
6. Discussion with new leadership at Johnson Controls/Ruskin Company about their desire to be apart of the city and assist with projects

City Clerk Johnson reported on the Govdeals online auction.

Council Member Coleman moved to authorize the Mayor to negotiate the sale of the garbage truck with a neighboring city. Council Member Bixby seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray reported on court.

Council Member Fountain inquired about the sign for the airport, if hot fuel was available and the status of the land purchase. Mayor Hayes presented pictures and pricing of a proposed sign and advised that hot fuel was available. Council Member Bixby moved to authorize the purchase of the sign. Council Member Gillespie seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray gave an update on the land purchase for the airport.

Council Member Gillespie stated that if you are coming down Earl Minshew Street to Magnolia Avenue, a stop sign is needed at where Earl Minshew intersects Water Avenue, before you cross over to Magnolia.

Council Member Coleman stated the broken windows at the Senior Citizens building needs replacing. He reported the curbing on the south side of the intersection of Maple and Wilson Street is broken up, causing a big drop off if someone happens to drive over the corner area.



City Clerk Johnson stated that Council Member Tidwell had asked her to report there is an issue with littering on the road between the Piggly Wiggly and hospital, along Glendale and neighboring streets.

Council Member Fountain stated he has received complaints about individuals trashing the tennis court area.

Pickle ball and tennis courts were discussed.

City Clerk Johnson gave a status report for the police department for the month of May in the Chief's absence and at his request.

Council Member Lee recounted a situation where the police department were able to recognize and assist an individual with mental health issues.

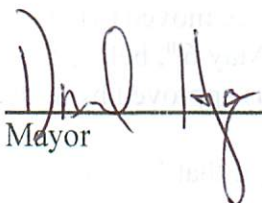
Building Inspector Wuest reported the two lights, one at the old recycling center and one on Sizemore can be relocated if needed in another area of town. He reported he is going to try to move the pole that serviced the old recreation trailer closer to the tennis courts. Building Inspector Wuest stated there are a couple of individuals with problems relating to the water department and need to meet with the board.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on department projects.

Council Member Fountain stated the ditch near 123 Hart still has issues draining.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 15, 2024

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on April 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads and employees.

Council Member Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Gillespie moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of April 1, 2024, as presented. Council Member Coleman seconded the motion which was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Geneva Waterworks and Sewer Manager James Dixon and Assistant Kayleigh Austin presented a sewer ordinance that Manager Dixon requested Council adopt. Several questions arose as to the origin of some of the industrial waste limits listed and if they were industry standard limits. Attorney Gray stated he was not familiar with waste limits and environmental levels enough to recommend adoption of the ordinance at this time. He stated he would like for someone such as the environmental attorney that was involved with drafting the ordinance explain the levels to him. Manager Dixon stated he could have the environmental attorney come talk to Council. Mayor Hayes questioned not having the Council involved with the drafting of the ordinance at a work session.

Council Member Lee moved to table action on the ordinance until a workshop on the matter could be held at 4:30 on May 6<sup>th</sup>, before the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes stated that Mr. Philip Carter's term is expiring on the Geneva Water Works and Sewer Board. Council Member Lee stated he nominated Council Member Kim Gillespie. Council Member McCoy seconded the nomination.

Council Member Tidwell questioned the Mayor's appoint on the Waterworks and Sewer Board, if he was serving in capacity of a City official. Manager Dixon stated there was a problem with the nomination under the Board's by laws with the number of City officials that could serve limiting the number to two (2). Attorney Gray stated he was not familiar with the Boards bylaws but that State Code allowed for three (3) officials on a board comprised of five (5) members.

Attorney Gray then explained the process under Roberts Rule of Order for board appointments. He also explained how some other cities approach appointments.

Council Member Tidwell expressed his concern regarding having three elected officials on the board.



Mayor Hayes asked for any other nominations. There being none he called for the vote on the appointment of Council Member Gillespie. Council Members Lee, McCoy, Fountain and Coleman voted in favor of the appointment. Council Member Tidwell voted against the appointment. Mayor Hayes, Council Members Gillespie and Bixby abstained from the vote. Mayor Hayes announced the vote carried and Council Member Gillespie has been appointed to the Geneva Waterworks and Sewer Board.

Mayor Hayes opened the floor to nominations for the expiring term of Tonya Roney on the Geneva City School Board. Council Member Fountain nominated Mr. Rickey Brackin. Council Member McCoy nominated Mr. Brad Weeks. Council Member Tidwell nominated Mrs. Katy Mote.

Mayor Hayes called for the vote on Mr. Brackin. Council Members Fountain and Lee voted for Mr. Brackin. Mayor Hayes called for the vote on Mr. Weeks. Mayor Hayes and Council Member McCoy voted for Mr. Weeks. Mayor Hayes called for the vote on Mrs. Mote. Council Members Tidwell and Bixby voted for Mrs. Mote. Council Members Gillespie and Coleman abstained from the vote.

Council Member Lee stated there was an opinion awhile back stating school employees could not vote on school board appointments and there were two Council Members voting that were also school employees. He asked how it would work if the nominee these two Council Members voted for received the majority votes and the Attorney General later ruled that it was not permissible. Attorney Gary addressed the opinion from the Ethics Commission Mr. Lee was referencing and stated everyone has been provided the opinion for their own knowledge and decision on voting.

Mayor Hayes stated he will call for the vote again starting with the vote on Mrs. Mote. Council Members Tidwell and Bixby voted for Mrs. Mote. Mayor Hayes called for the vote on Mr. Weeks. Mayor Hayes and Council Member McCoy voted for Mr. Weeks. Mayor Hayes called for the vote on Mr. Brackin. Council Members Fountain and Lee voted for Mr. Brackin. Council Members Gillespie and Coleman abstained from the vote.

Both Council Members Tidwell expressed his opinion on the ruling and it prohibiting him from properly representing their districts. Council Member Bixby stated he felt the way the letter requesting the ethics opinion did not properly explain the members positions and how they are appointed and feel within the organization of the school system and wanted to see the letter rewritten and submitted.

Council Member Lee moved to table appointment and adopt a resolution authorizing the City Attorney to request an Attorney General's opinion with a Council input on wording for the organizational structure of positions within the school system. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize an increase in pay for rec league umpires for 10U and up divisions to \$40.00 per game. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Coleman abstaining.



Council Member Gillespie moved to approve an agreement with the Geneva River Festival Committee to use Robert Fowler Memorial Park. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Upon due public notice, bids for installation of two EV Charging Stations were publicly opened on April 12, 2024, at 10:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Bids received were as follows:

| Contractor            | Bid Amount  |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Alabama Power Company | \$55,350.00 |

Council Member Coleman moved to award the bid to Alabama Power Company. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve financials through December 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes requested approval to pour the concrete at the splash pad which was part of the original bid. Council Member Lee moved to proceed with the project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes also reported on the following:

1. Splash pad project
2. Police Academy graduation
3. Opening ceremony for baseball/softball
4. City Hall project
5. Park project
6. Met with the owner of property the city has options on
7. Airport sign

City Clerk Johnson reported on the grant application from Choctawhatchee-Pea-Yellow River Watershed Authority for the pier project has been approved with funding in the amount of \$10,000.00. Council member Gillespie moved to authorize acceptance of the grant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining. Council discussed the project.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court. He reported on dilapidated billboards around town and the airport expansion project.



Council Member Coleman excused himself at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Lee asked about the ditch on W. Mulkey Avenue.

Council Member Tidwell reported littering in his district is still a problem.

Council Member Fountain reported a washout on Choctaw Street.

Building Inspector Wuest reported on street lights.

Rescue Director Dorminey reported run numbers are up. She reported about changes at the hospital and plans to become a critical access hospital.

Police Captain McDuffie reported on the cadet graduation from the academy and explained the orientation process into certified officer within the department. He also discussed new training required by the State and presented a kit provided to officers for helping with individuals with autism, PTSD and other sensory disabilities.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer discussed the street sweeper stating it is out of service and parts are no longer available. He reported on online training of the EV chargers, Corp visit, festival preparations and 10-hour work week.

Fire Chief Latimer requested permission to sell old breathing apparatus and tanks to a volunteer fire department. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize the donation of the old equip which is no longer needed for public use to a volunteer department with a statement signed stating they realize they are out of date and can only be used for training. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

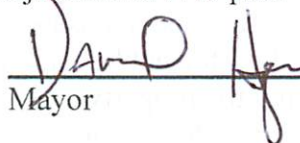
Mayor Hayes opened to the floor for public comments.

Chamber President Carl Corey reported on the upcoming community cleanup project, upcoming Chamber meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> of July planning, and possibility of a Red Cross office locating in the Chamber building.

Mr. Bryan Pike with Kachemak Bay Flying Services, the company providing FBO services at the airport, reported on operations and plans.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WORK SESSION &  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MAY 6, 2024

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in work session on May 6, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Rich Bixby was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, and City Attorney Jeff Gray.

Interim Geneva Water Works and Sewer Manager, Kayleigh Austin met with Council to discuss a revised sewer ordinance for the City.

Work session adjourned and regular session began at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Rich Bixby was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads and employees.

Pastor Russell Clausell gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon due public notice, a public hearing was held at this time to address abatement for violations of ordinance number 04-2021-02 on the following properties:

100 W. Promenade Avenue  
105 S. Choctaw Street

Photos and an inspection sheet were presented as evidence on 100 W Promenade Avenue. City Attorney Gray asked Code Enforcement Owens if he had taken the pictures showing the condition of the premises and if they represented the current condition of the property. Code Enforcement Officer Owens stated he took the photos and they accurately represented the condition of the property. City Attorney Gray reviewed the Dangerous Building Checklist and items noted which was part of the notice to the property owner and asked Building Inspector Wuest if he completed the form and if that was his signature on the form and if the property was deemed unsafe and a public nuisance. Building Inspector Wuest confirmed completion of the form, verified it was deemed unsafe and a nuisance and verified his signature.

Mayor Hayes called for public participation on the matter. No one from the public was present to speak regarding the property.

Mayor Hayes opened discussion to Council and the property was discussed.



Photos and an inspection sheet were presented as evidence on 105 S. Commerce Street. City Attorney Gary asked Code Enforcement Owens if he had taken the pictures showing the condition of the premises and if they represented the current condition of the property. Code Enforcement Officer Owens stated he took the photos and they accurately represented the condition of the property. City Attorney Gray reviewed the Dangerous Building Checklist and items noted which was part of the notice to the property owner and asked Building Inspector Wuest if he completed the form and if that was his signature on the form and if the property was deemed unsafe and a public nuisance. Building Inspector Wuest confirmed completion of the form, verified it was deemed unsafe and a nuisance and verified his signature.

Mayor Hayes called for public participation on the matter. The property owner was present and asked questions regarding the process. She stated she plans on having the property cleared before the City is scheduled to begin the abatement process.

Mayor Hayes opened discussion to Council and the property was discussed.

Upon completion of the public hearing regular session began.

Council Member Gillespie moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of April 15, 2024, as presented. Council Member Coleman seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes called for any action relating to the public hearing. Council Member Lee moved to adopt the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 100 WEST PROMENADE AVENUE, GENEVA, ALABAMA, PARCEL ID#1804194023011000, IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 11-40-30 THROUGH 11-40-36, SECTIONS 11-53B-1 THROUGH 11-53B-16, INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-02 OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; AND CALLING FOR THE CITY TO CAUSE SAID DEMOLITION TO BE PERFORMED AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE THE COST OF SUCH DEMOLITION TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE LAND ON WHICH THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE EXISTS AS A MUNICIPAL LIEN OR CAUSE SUCH COST TO BE RECOVERED IN A SUIT AT LAW AGAINST THE OWNER OR OWNERS IF THE VIOLATION IS NOT VOLUNTARILY ABATED**

Council Member Coleman seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt the following resolution:



## RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 105 SOUTH CHOCTAW STREET, GENEVA, ALABAMA, PARCEL ID#18041924005000, IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 11-40-30 THROUGH 11-40-36, SECTIONS 11-53B-1 THROUGH 11-53B-16, INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-02 OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; AND CALLING FOR THE CITY TO CAUSE SAID DEMOLITION TO BE PERFORMED AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE THE COST OF SUCH DEMOLITION TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE LAND ON WHICH THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE EXISTS AS A MUNICIPAL LIEN OR CAUSE SUCH COST TO BE RECOVERED IN A SUIT AT LAW AGAINST THE OWNER OR OWNERS IF THE VIOLATION IS NOT VOLUNTARILY ABATED**

Council Member Gillespie seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman moved to adopt a resolution declaring that the residential property located at 127 East Campbell Avenue within the existing corporate limits is a blighted property that poses a health and safety hazard to the CDBG target area. Council Member Lee seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes presented a cost for sun shades in the amount of \$19,000.00 and sodding and sprinkler system in the amount of \$12,000.00 for the new splash pad. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the cost. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson discussed the need for temporary bathrooms at the splash pad until the second phase of the park is completed. Council Member Coleman moved to authorize a \$4,000.00 budget for temporary bathrooms. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed prefab bathroom options for the new park.

Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize the transfer of capital improvement funds to general fund for use on the new City Hall as approved in a prior resolution. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson explained that she has been using general funds to pay for the construction of the City Hall in an effort to save money on interest during the construction phase. She requested the use of reserve funds to complete construction if needed. She stated that when



the project is complete loan funds could be drawn down to replace both general and reserve funds. She estimated \$35,000.00 savings in interest expense by using funds on hand.

Council Member Lee moved to authorize the City Clerk to transfer and use reserve funds during the construction phase of City Hall if needed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve the January 2024 Financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes also reported on the following:

1. Airport sign
2. Senior Citizens Mother's Day program
3. Complimented the River Festival and parade and all involved – discussion ensued by Council regarding reimbursement for overtime by the Festival Committee
4. Issue regarding the drive way for the new industrial project
5. City Hall project
6. Wiregrass Economic Development Investor's Lunch

Mayor Hayes addressed rumors that the City was trying to take over the Water Works and Sewer Board stating for the record not once has this Mayor or Council ever discussed the possibility of taking over the Board. He explained this is false and rumors. The City wants the Board to continue as a separated entity, however state code allows for member appointments to include City officials and this will assist with unity among the Board and City. The City wants to help and see the Board succeed but as its own entity.

City Clerk Johnson reported she has applied for a rebate on the EV chargers, she has began close out of the ARPA funding grant and she has applied for and received the last of the funding for the rescue squad from the County. She gave an updated report on the CDBG Rehabilitation Project.

Mayor Hayes shared some of the positive feedback he has received on the CDBG Project and related how one particular project has impacted the quality of life for a handicap individual.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court. He gave an update on a nuisance complaint that is scheduled for trial. Attorney Gray complimented the recreation department on the condition of fields and stated he has heard many positive comments about the new director.

Council Member Coleman addressed the need for lighting at Fowler Park, lighting options were discussed. He stated he has received complaints of speeding on Iris and Trinity Streets. Council Member Gillespie stated she has received complaints in Council Member Coleman's district on parking in the street on Sunflower. Council Member Coleman also asked about the dip in Wilson Street being repaired.

Council Member Gillespie stated she would like to discuss allowing employees to accumulate more PTO hours for conversion at the time of retirement. A work session was scheduled for 5:00 before next meeting. She asked if the old Hayes service station has sold and when the house on Campbell that had burnt would be torn down.

Council Member Lee asked the Mayor if there are still plans to get some private help on Mulkey Street. He also asked about an awful scent around the Mulkey area.

Council Member Tidwell stated he has everyone a graduation invitation. He reported on signup for recreation programs

Council Member Fountain reported on a nuisance on Pleasant Street, overgrown grass on Whitney Street and complaints about dogs barking on Hart and Whitney.

Fire Chief Latimer reported on the ISO inspection and that the City maintained its 4 rating. He also stated the old air tanks and SCBA apparatuses were donated to the City of Coffee Springs Fire Department.

Police Chief Mock gave an activity report for the month of April. He reported the Tru-Narc device has been received, he is applying for a grant through Wiregrass Electric, an officer survival class funded through a federally funded program, the Too Good for Drugs Program, Jr. Police Academy, National Night Out and a Police Chaplin program.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on projects, equipment and cost of a new street sweeper. He reported the pit where the City purchases clay has closed. Superintendent Brewer stated that under City policy, only 8 hours of holiday time is compensated for employees. With his new schedule, his employees are working 10 hour shifts and he would like for the City to look at the extra two hours and how it is handled on holidays. Council discussed looking at the issue at a work shop. City Clerk Johnson brought up there were other departments on 12 and 24 hour shifts that the Council may also want to consider as they have always been compensated at the same 8-hour credit. Council set the topic for discussion at the work session and adjusted the time to 4:30 p.m.

Council Member Lee requested the gates to the Baptist Bottom Cemetery be left open for Mother's Day.

Mayor Hayes opened to the floor for public comments.

Chamber President Carl Corey reported on the recent community cleanup project and future projects, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July planning.

Mayor Hayes called for an executive session to discuss an incident covered by HIPPA. Attorney Gray stated an executive session as requested was in order as discussion met the criteria



being covered under HIPPA regulations. He stated there could be an announcement after executive session which was estimated to be 20 minutes.

Council Member Lee moved to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. Mayor Hayes called for a roll call vote with the following results:

Ayes: Mayor Hayes, Council Members Lee, McCoy, Gillespie, Tidwell, Fountain, Coleman.

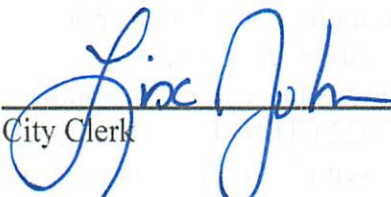
Nays: None

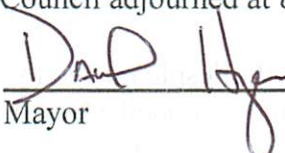
The Mayor declared the motion passed and executive session approved. Executive session began at 7:55 p.m. with the Mayor, Council Members, City Clerk and City Attorney in attendance.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Executive session adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Following executive session, Council Member Lee moved to go on record stating the City's policy to allow City employees to continue insurance after retirement would also extend to the Geneva Water Works and Sewer Board employees provided the Board paid any associated cost. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING &  
WORK SESSION  
MAY 20, 2024

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in work session on May 20, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. None absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads.

Conversion of employee leave at time of retirement and how holiday pay is compensated for various departments was discussed.

Work session adjourned and regular session began at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. None absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads and employees.

Council Member Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Gillespie moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of May 6, 2024, as presented. Council Member Coleman seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Bixby abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to award a contract for asbestos inspections to Southern Earth Sciences, Inc. in the amount of \$825.00 per structure for the 2022 CDBG Project. Council Member Gillespie seconded the motion which was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Attorney Gray reviewed an Attorney General's opinion regarding Council Members who are employees of the City School system voting on City School Board appointments. The opinion stated - Council Members who are also employed by the City School Board may not vote on the appointment of City School Board Members.

Council Member Tidwell addressed the AG Opinion and gave his opinion stating he disagreed and why.

Mayor Hayes called for nominations for appointment to the Geneva City School Board. Council Member Tidwell nominated Mrs. Katie Mote. Council Member Fountain nominated Mr. Ricky Brackin. Council Members spoke about each candidates' qualifications for nomination. Mayor Hayes called for the vote on Ms. Mote who received 1 vote from Mayor Hayes. Mayor Hayes called for the vote on Mr. Brackin who received three votes from Council Members: Lee, Fountain and McCoy. Council Members Gillespie, Tidwell, Bixby and Coleman abstained from the vote.



Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a resolution authorizing entering into a grant agreement with the State for two new vans for the Senior Citizens Center. Council Member Lee seconded the motion which was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson explained to Council she has received a request from an individual to bury a family in an old section of the cemetery where there appears to be open spaces that is not marked by headstones. Clerk Johnson expressed concerns about the lack of records in the old section of the City Cemetery regarding ownership, where individuals may be buried and not marked. She explained that it was her understanding that plots may not have been sold in that section of the cemetery and were given on an as needed basis to indigent individuals. Council Member Fountain moved to close the old section of the cemetery unless ownership could be determined through documentation from the individual requesting the approval. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Police Chief Mock reported on the Chaplin program for the department, purchase of the Tru-Narc device, Valor Class, Jr. Police Academy and River Festival overtime figures.

Council Member Gillespie moved to approve the financials for the months of February and March 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- Splash pad update, proposed opening on May 31<sup>st</sup>, and that the portable bathroom was temporary.
- Questions on property lines at the park
- Meeting with the CEO at Johnson Controls
- EV Charger grant project
- Warranty on the soccer project
- Meeting with the FBO at the airport and plans for a having an opening ceremony and press on the opening
- City Hall project
- Drainage issues
- Meetings with State Officials
- Upcoming meeting with DOT and the possibility of seeking funding for drainage instead of paving

City Attorney Gray reported on Court, old dilapidated bill boards and cars on Park Avenue.

Council Member Fountain requested the drainage issue on Forrest Street be looked at.

Council Member Bixby requested the street department check on condition of Lakewood Loop.

Council Member Tidwell requested the drainage issue on Glendale Avenue and Hospital Drive be looked at.

Council Member Lee reported on his attendance at the annual convention for the Alabama League of Municipalities.

Fire Chief Latimer reported the cost to repair the rescue truck exceeded the initial estimate, with an actual cost of \$9,835.29. Council Member Coleman moved to authorize repairs. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mrs. Tewanna Marks McElway spoke on flooding and drainage on N. Morris Street.

Attorney Gray stated an executive session was in order as discussion met the criteria of good name and character. He estimated executive session to last approximately 20 minutes. Council Member Coleman moved to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee. Mayor Hayes called for a roll call vote with the following results:

Ayes: Council Members Lee, McCoy, Gillespie, Tidwell, Bixby, Fountain, Coleman

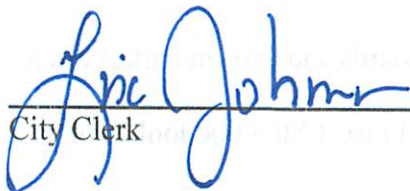
Nays: None

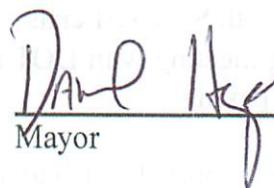
The Mayor declared the motion passed and executive session approved. Executive session began at 7:48 p.m. with the Mayor, all Council Members, City Clerk and City Attorney in attendance.

Council Member Coleman moved to adjourn executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Executive session adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Council Member Gillespie moved to uphold a recommendation from a due process committee on the termination of an employee of the rescue department. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Fountain moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 4, 2024  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on June 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads.

Council Member Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of May 20, 2024, as presented. Council Member Coleman seconded the motion which was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mr. Austin Hill appeared before Council to request the street going to the cemetery in the old Baptist Bottom area be repaired and asked if the cemetery could be cleaned of old limbs.

Mrs. Tewanna Marks-McElwee appeared before Council to outline a planned event called Calling all Neighborhoods scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. She stated the event has a planned parade and she will work with the Police Chief to develop a route as it will deviate from the standard route.

Council Member Fountain presented a request for use of Robert Fowler Park on July 20<sup>th</sup> by Johnson Controls. Council member Gillespie moved to authorize use at no cost. Council Member Lee seconded the motion which was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Ms. Starr Bowan with MDI appeared before Council to explain that Tuesday's garbage route will be changed to Monday and Wednesday. Notification to customers was discussed.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve the March financials as presented. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- Splash pad opening
- Engineering contract for phase II of the park
- Airport sign

- Bridge project
- City Hall project
- New restaurant coming to town
- Phase II park project
- Proposed dog park

City Clerk Johnson reported she has new district maps for distribution. She reported she has submitted all documents for the grant for vans for the senior center and requested approval to order and issue payment for the vans out of the reserve fund. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize purchase from the reserve fund. Council Member Bixby seconded the motion which was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray reported on Court and land purchase for the airport.

Council Member Coleman ask about repairs to the windows at the senior center. He stated he would like to see the City purchase portable bathrooms instead of renting them as they can be used for events. Council Member Coleman inquired about the status of a nuisance complaint to Pine and Hillcrest. He asked about having water ran under the road to the middle open area of Fowler Park.

Council Member Gillespie reported she has time this summer to work with the City Clerk about starting to work on the rescue department receivables and billing and asked the Clerk to get with her on some dates. She stated she was glad to see growth in the downtown area with the new splash pad and new businesses opening.

Council Member McCoy questioned the placement of a mobile home on Ward Street and reported a grass complaint on Highland Avenue. He stated he would like an executive session at the end of the meeting.

Mayor Hayes reported bids for the Water Works and Sewer Board project in the DEVCO area should be let in 30 days.

Council Member Lee stated he has received several positive comments on growth and progress in the City.

Council Member Tidwell discussed the need for additional personnel in the recreation department due to the department taking over park maintenance. He stated that since the custodial employee in the Clerk's office is performing custodial work at the senior center the vacant custodial part-time position in that department may no longer be needed. Council Member Tidwell moved to amend the manning document and budget to remove the part-time custodial kitchen aide position from the senior citizens department and add a part-time recreation specialist II position to the recreation department at the rate of \$14.00 per hour. Council Member Bixby seconded the motion which was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.



Council Member Tidwell commented on the splash pad and reported on a discussion with a new citizen and why he chose to relocate to Geneva. He reported the asphalt on Hospital Drive has made a big difference on drainage.

Council Member Bixby reported a complaint on Highway 85 around the old ammo shop.

Council Member Fountain reported nuisance complaints on Pleasant Street and Hart Street. He requested dirt for a wash out on Forrest Street at the Gaulin property.

Mayor Hayes requested a load of top soil for Head Start if any is available.

Council Member Coleman discussed drainage behind the Magnolia Market and Johnson and Fleming Streets.

Mayor Hayes asked that everyone keep Library Board Member Paula Crews and her family in their prayers as well as employees James Bell and Clint Owens.

Building Inspector Wuest reported the mobile home in question was not on Ward Street but on a street off of Ward Street and should be zoned. How the mobile home is positioned was questioned. Council questioned if a permit was obtained.

Recreation Director Adams reported on the splash pad and upcoming All-star tournaments.

Chief Mock gave an activity report and stats for the month of May. He reported on National Night Out and the Jr. Police Academy. Chief Mock reported some cars are finally available on state contract for vehicles approved in FY23. However, the cars available are not the color and contain some additional equipment from what he had originally ordered. The cost difference for repainting and other cost is approximately \$7,858.00. He asked for approval of the purchase as there is not an anticipated date for any other cars being available. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize the difference in price and purchase of the available units. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Chamber President Corey reported on the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> activities.

Attorney Gray stated an executive session was in order as discussion met the criteria of possible litigation. He estimated executive session to last approximately 20 minutes and that some action may follow and Council would reconvene. Council Member McCoy moved to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. Mayor Hayes called for a roll call vote with the following results:

Ayes: Council Members Lee, McCoy, Gillespie, Tidwell, Bixby, Fountain, Coleman  
Nays: None

The Mayor declared the motion passed and executive session approved. Executive session began at 7:40 p.m. Council Member McCoy requested Police Chief Mock remain in the meeting. The Mayor, all Council Members, City Clerk, City Attorney and Police Chief remained in attendance.

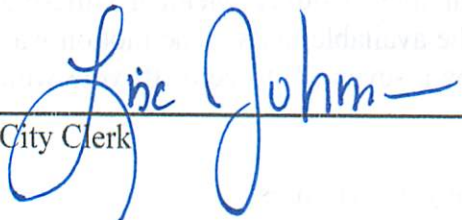
Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was unanimously approved. Executive session adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

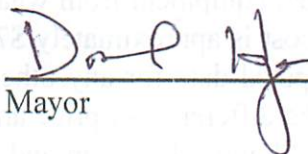
Council Member Tidwell moved to submit a claim to insurance and to authorize payment if it is not covered by insurance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Members McCoy and Coleman abstaining.

Council discussed the end of the trial period for the four (4) day work week for the street and sanitation departments. Council Member Tidwell moved to end the four (4) day work week and go back to the five (5) day schedule. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to grant Good Friday as a holiday for City employees. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

  
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Mayor



GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 17, 2024

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on June 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Rich Bixby, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Ryan Tidwell and Mike Fountain were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads.

Council Member Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Gillespie moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of June, 2024, as presented. Council Member Lee seconded the motion which was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman moved to amend the budget and authorize the purchase of a SCAG 61" mower in the amount of \$13,229.16 and an equipment trailer in the amount of \$2,994.00 for the recreation department. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson reported that she has filed a claim with the insurance company on a wrecked vehicle in the police department. She stated the local body shop stated the vehicle was totaled with an estimated repair cost of \$25,545.43. The department needs a replacement vehicle with an estimated cost of \$57,897.36. She asked if a vehicle could be purchased with any settlement from the insurance company being used to offset the cost.

Council Member Coleman moved to amend the budget and authorize the purchase of a replacement vehicle for the police department. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed the position and job description of Rescue Director for the rescue department. Council discussed the position being mainly an administrative position with the responsibility to fill shifts as needed. Council Member Gillespie recommended a six (6) month probation period. The Mayor stated the understanding was supposed to be the person would work five (5) days a week and if someone didn't show up for a shift they would work the shift. Council Member Gillespie stated based on discussion the description should be worded an admin position 8:00 to 5:00 Monday thru Friday and as fill in for paramedic shifts as needed. Council Member Lee requested the wording be added making the position a primary employment with regard to accepting outside employment. Council Member Bixby moved to amend the manning document to revise the Rescue Director position as an administrative position Monday through Friday, 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with fill in paramedic shifts as needed and that the position be considered as

primary employment when the employee wishes to work outside employment with a six (6) month probationary period. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Clerk Johnson stated a salary would need to be set for the position. Council Member Bixby stated that while salaries were being discussed the Recreation Director's salary needs to be addressed. It was suggested a work session be held to discuss the issue. Mayor Hayes stated there were other issues that need to be addressed as well. A work session was set for 4:00 p.m. before regular meeting.

Council Member Lee moved to approve use of Robert Fowler Park by the Geneva Chamber of Commerce on July 4, 2024, to hold a July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Bixby moved to approve the April financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- Use and success of the splash pad
- Industrial access and grant for new business in the old industrial park
- Bridge project underway
- City Hall project
- Airport sign
- Airport property purchase
- List of violations in districts

City Attorney Gray reported on Court and land purchase for the airport.

Council Member Lee stated he would meet with the Street Superintendent regarding a burnt house on Franklin Avenue. He also expressed concern with changes at the hospital and lack of ICU units.

Council Member McCoy stated the minutes need to be amended as the votes on ending the four-day work week and the action on the insurance claim were entered backwards. He asked about the mobile home off Ward Street and vehicles on Park Avenue.

Council Member Gillespie stated the representative from the garbage company has reported a dead dog in the trash and stated citizens need to be reminded of the garbage policy.

Council Member Coleman asked about repairs to the windows at the senior center and status of the house on Campbell Avenue.



Police Captain McDuffie reported on the area wide training hosted by the department, National Night Out and the Jr. Police Academy. He reported some personnel have been volunteering for the Childrens Miracle Network located at Walmart.

Chamber President Corey reported on the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> activities, DVA and cleanup projects. He reported on a water problem from the new park.

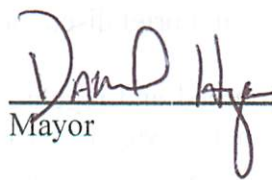
Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported on three addresses for notice of code violations.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

City Clerk

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Mayor

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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING &  
WORK SESSION  
JULY 1, 2024

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in work session on July 1, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Kim Gillespie was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads.

Items discussed were Rescue operations and finances, Recreation and Rescue Directors salaries, fundraising policy and brief discussion on procedures for board appointments.

Work session adjourned and regular session began at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Kim Gillespie was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads.

Council Member Fountain gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the June 17, 2024, and amended May 20, 2024 minutes as presented. Council Member Bixby seconded the motion which was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Members Fountain and Tidwell abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson presented an application for the sale of alcoholic beverages from Riverside 101 Inc. located at 710 Sizemore Highway. This location has a current license but has a change in ownership requiring a new application. Council Member Tidwell moved to consider the application for a license. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with Alabama Fiber Network to place an AFN hub on City property behind City Hall. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Bixby moved to adopt a resolution requesting the County assist with voters lists for the 2025 election cycle. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:



- Airport sign
- Use and maintenance of the splash pad
- City Hall project
- Changes at Johnson Controls/Reliable
- State paving project on 52 that is being misconstrued as a City project
- Clean up projects by City crews
- Property being acquired by First Baptist Church near a City alley way and they may be interested in the property
- Survey on park project
- Sewer project in DEVCO

Mayor Hayes presented a quote for air-conditioning for the soccer concession/bathroom building in the amount of \$7,813.00. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes and Council Member Tidwell reported on a water leak situation and need for repair to the road in his district.

City Clerk Johnson reported on the EV Grant and Pier Grant.

City Attorney Gray reported on Court.

Council Member Fountain reported the Street Department had assisted Reliable with an issue.

Council Member Bixby asked for an update on a nuisance complaint on Highway 85.

Council Member Tidwell inquired about budget workshops. He also reported he is pursuing his master's degree and that he had interviewed Council Member Lee for a project and he had learned a great deal of local history from him.

Council Member Coleman reported with complaints from the smell of stored products from the hemp plant.

Recreation Director Adams reported on All-Star tournaments, splash pad maintenance and receipt of the new equipment.

Police Chief Mock gave an activity report for the month of June. He reported on the Jr. Police Academy, National Night Out, receipt of new cars, and a grant from Wiregrass Electric.

Street Superintendent Brewer reported on removal of old bill boards, the clay pit and projects.

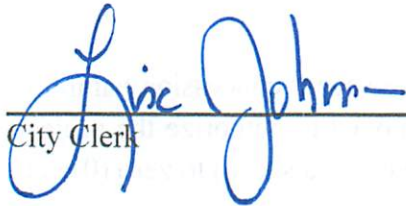
Road maintenance and repairs were discussed.

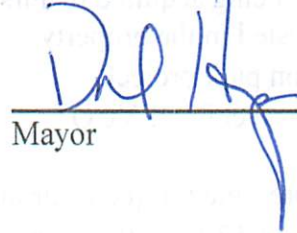
Fire Chief Latimer reported on equipment repairs.

Mayor Hayes asked for any public comments.

Chamber President Carl Corey reported on Chamber of Commerce.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 8, 2024  
5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in special session on July 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Kim Gillespie and Ryan Tidwell were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads.

Council Member Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council discussed the LWCF park project and the opportunity for additional funding through a grant.

Council Member Bixby moved to adopt a resolution authorizing an application for Land and Water Conservation funding for the proposed park project with a total proposed project costs of \$1,567,000.00 with the CITY contributing \$783,500.00, or 50% of the total proposed project costs and requested grant funds in the amount of \$783,500.00, or 50% of the proposed project costs. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

This resolution updated a previously adopted resolution with net result of an additional pledge of \$300,000.00 and grant request of \$300,000.00 or \$600,000 total project increase.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

JULY 15, 2024

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on July 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Rufus Lee was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council Member Fountain gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the July 1 and 8, 2024, minutes as presented. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Members Gillespie and Tidwell abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve an alcohol license for Riverside 101 Inc. located at 710 Sizemore Highway which was considered at the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Fountain abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- ALDOT meeting requesting funds for paving
- Attendance at a School Board meeting
- Interviews for Rescue Director
- FBO operations and sign for the airport
- Dedication ceremony for Norman G. Holland Lane
- City Hall project
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Road projects

City Attorney Gray reported on Court.

Council Member Gillespie inquired about the needed repairs to the playground equipment at Fowler Park and the status of the asphalt plant.



Council Member Coleman requested electrical outlets at Fowler Park be repaired. He also requested water to be extended in areas of the park to provide more water connections.

Council Member McCoy asked for Park Avenue to be repaired. He reported a nuisance on Highland Avenue and there are two garbage cans at the house. Council Member McCoy also requested speed bumps be installed on Pinecrest Circle.

Council Member Tidwell inquired about the status of patching Glendale Street where there was a water leak. He asked the Mayor what the timeframe would be for Council to start submitting Streets for the road project the Mayor reported on. Council Member Tidwell asked Clerk Johnson where the \$194,000.00 that she stated was available was coming from and if there was any alcohol money available. Clerk Johnson answered the available funds are the balance of the Rebuild Alabama Money and reminded Council they had adopted a resolution awhile back un-earmarking various funds of which the alcohol monies were one of.

Council Member Fountain reported a bad spot in the road on Whitney and Hart and a nuisance complaint on Iris Street. He asked about the water run off at the splash pad and the cost of the water bill.

Police Chief Mock reported on the new TruNarc machine. He also requested permission to apply for a \$75,000.00 grant for cardiac defibrillators for all departments stating there was no matching funds required. Council Member Tidwell move to authorize application. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Fountain abstaining. Chief Mock also discussed mental health issues.

Street Superintendent Brewer reported on equipment, projects and the clay pit.

Council Member Gillespie stated she has been contacted regarding dumping in the woods off Glendale Street becoming a problem.

Mayor Hayes discussed drainage issues. He reported on meeting with the Director of ADECA and possible grant funding for a farmer's market.

Council Member Coleman asked about the sunk in areas on Magnolia Avenue and Choctaw Street.

Mayor Hayes opened the floor to public comments.

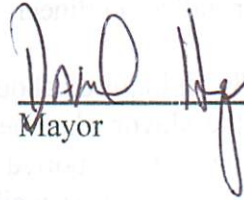
Mr. Ronnie Baine was present and suggested that Oak Tree Circle in Fowler Park be made one way. Council discussed the suggestion.

Mrs. Tewanna Marks-McElwee discussed an issue where the Geneva Water Works and Sewer Board had turned off water to the area where she lives. She stated there needs to be notice given to residents and procedures put in place for notification. She also stated employees did not have politically correct attitudes.

Chamber President Carl Corey reported on Chamber of Commerce.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 22, 2024  
4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in special session on July 22, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Kim Gillespie was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson and City Attorney Jeff Gray.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

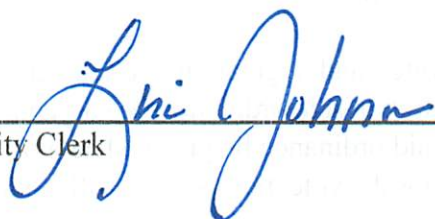
Council Member Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council discussed setting a salary for the vacant position of Rescue Director. Mayor Hayes stated he has several good applicants with one stand out with a critical care license. He stated that one request he has encountered during interview is rather than a Monday through Friday schedule the employee be allowed to work four 10 hour days. He stated this was the same schedule as Director Campbell worked. There was no opposition raised. Mayor Hayes said he feels he can fill the position for \$60,000.00.

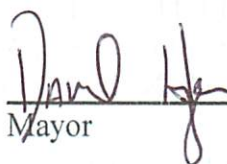
Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize a salary of up to \$60,000.00 for the position of Rescue Director. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

City Clerk



Mayor



GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 5, 2024  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on August 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Rufus Lee was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Police Captain McDuffie gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Tidwell moved to dispense with the reading and approve the July 15 and 22, 2024, minutes as presented. Council Member Coleman seconded the motion which was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Gillespie abstaining.

City Attorney Gray presented and reviewed an ordinance creating a one-way street.

Council Member Tidwell introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 08-2024-04

AN ORDINANCE DATED THE 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2024 ESTABLISHING A ONE-WAY STREET AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH RIVER STREET AND OAK TREE CIRCLE DIRECTING THE TRAFFIC FLOW TO TAKE A RIGHT TURN ONTO OAK TREE CIRCLE AT THE FIRST INTERSECTION OF RIVER STREET AND OAK TREE CIRCLE

It was moved by Council Member Tidwell that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes:

Nays: None

Absent:

Abstentions: None

Mayor Hayes  
Council Member McCoy

Council Member Lee



Council Member Gillespie  
 Council Member Tidwell  
 Council Member Bixby  
 Council Member Fountain  
 Council Member Coleman

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said ordinance had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Tidwell that Ordinance Number 04-2024-04 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

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|--------------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Ayes:                    | Nays: None | Absent:            | Abstentions: |
| Council Member McCoy     |            | Council Member Lee | Mayor Hayes  |
| Council Member Gillespie |            |                    |              |
| Council Member Tidwell   |            |                    |              |
| Council Member Bixby     |            |                    |              |
| Council Member Fountain  |            |                    |              |
| Council Member Coleman   |            |                    |              |

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the ordinance passed and adopted as introduced and read.

Council discussed upgrading lighting at the tennis courts. They discussed reducing the number of lights as LED lighting would be brighter and cast further. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize replacing 12 lights with a budget not to exceed \$10,000.00. The Motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize renegotiating the concessions contract for the recreation department. The Motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize soliciting proposals for photography services for the recreation department. The Motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed rental fees for baseball/softball and soccer facilities. Council requested the City Attorney draft a proposed contract and the Recreation Director to bring suggested rental rates to the next meeting.

Recreation Director Adams requested authorization to purchase a laser field liner. Council Member Bixby moved to authorize the purchase. The Motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Rescue Director Creamer requested Council authorize the purchase of an ambulance in the amount of \$29,900.00 which is below the current bid law. Council Member Fountain inquired about any costs to repaint or restripe the vehicle. Funding was also discussed with the City Clerk/Treasurer stating the funds could be taken from the General Fund and later reimbursed by the Rescue Fund. Council Member Bixby moved to authorize the purchase and repainting/stripping of a used ambulance with a cost not to exceed \$33,000.00, with funds being borrowed from the General Fund. The Motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Bixby moved to adopt a resolution and transportation plan entitled:

### **RESOLUTION**

#### **ADOPTING TRANSPORTATION PLAN PURSUANT TO THE REBUILD ALABAMA ACT (ACT 2019-2)**

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Bixby moved to set a public hearing at the second meeting in September to certify the demolition cost for 100 W Promenade Avenue. The Motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- List of needed work for the street and sanitation departments
- Dedication ceremony for Norman G. Holland Lane
- Patching of pot holes
- Vandalism at splash pad
- Rescue operations
- Panther Pride Day
- Airport Sign
- Proposed Farmers Market
- Open house event and sign dedication for the airport
- Library position
- Received payment for the sale of the garbage truck
- City Hall project
- Meeting in Montgomery researching available funding

City Clerk Johnson reported on grants, redistricting lists, budget and she has completed recertification requirements as a Certified Planning and Zoning Official.

City Attorney Gray reported on Court. He stated he will research the airport contracts to determine responsible parties for grass work at the airport.



Mayor Hayes requested the Street Superintendent contact the state about cleaning state right-of-way.

Council Member Fountain complimented the work done to clean up the property on Live Oak Street. He reported there were areas in his district that need to be cited for ordinance violations, stating some properties were being cited when there are properties in worse condition not being cited. He listed addresses of properties that need to be reviewed by the Code Enforcement Officer for violations. Council Member Fountain also inquired about the status of the airport property acquisition.

Council Member Gillespie inquired about the process for repeat offenders that will not keep their grass cut.

Council Member Tidwell asked the Recreation Director about the dates for a youth camp for soccer, soccer sign-ups and status and number of participants for other programs.

Council Member McCoy reported a wash-out on Skyline Avenue. He asked about the repair for Park Avenue and status of the cars in Pine Crest. Council Member McCoy reported where a mobile home in question was placed on Summerlin Avenue the owners have now moved in an old motor home.

Police Chief Mock reported on the Jr Police Academy and National Night Out. He reported on preparing for school to start and stated he plans to take over the School Resource Officer position at the High School/Middle School. He reported the grant he reported on last meeting would not cover defibrillators and stated he plans to apply for virtual reality training and equipment. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the change in the application. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Chief Mock reported that he has been awarded funds through the drug task force to purchase a used undercover vehicle with a budget of \$14,000.00. Council Member Tidwell moved to amend the budget to allow for the purchase of a vehicle up to \$14,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining. He also provided an activity report for the month of July.

Recreation Director Adams reported on maintenance schedules and programs.

Street Superintendent Brewer reported on projects and equipment. He reported the motor on backhoe has gone out and new one will cost approximately \$29,000.00. Council Member Tidwell moved to amend the budget to allow for the repair up to \$29,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

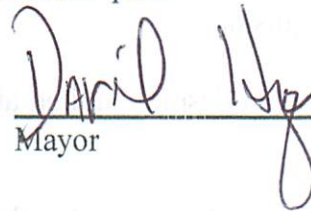
Rescue Director Creamer reported on operations.

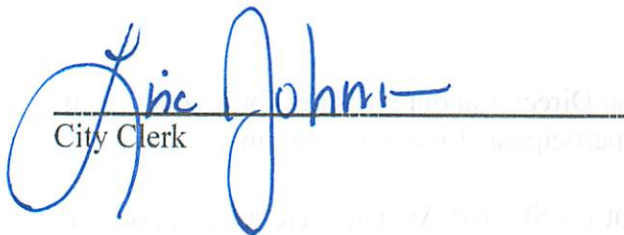
Mayor Hayes opened the floor to public comments.

Chamber President Carl Corey reported on Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Marjorie Harrison stated that improvements to the car holding pen on Magnolia Avenue looks better and asked if other areas along the street could be cleaned up also.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 19, 2024  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on August 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Rich Bixby was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council Member Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Tidwell moved to dispense with the reading and approve the August 5, 2024, minutes as presented. Council Member Coleman seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to approve an event permit for a neighborhood roots reunion on October 5, 2024. Council Member Gillespie seconded the motion which was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Lee abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve a concessions contract with I'm a Jonesin for A. Council Member Coleman seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed negotiating the photography contact with the current photographer rather than bid services. The Mayor and Recreation Director stated they would attempt to negotiate a fair price and if an agreement could not be reached the contract would be bid.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve a standard recreation facility use contract and fee schedule. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a resolutions authorizing the City's participation in the Tips and Buy Board buying cooperative programs. Council Member Tidwell seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize up to \$300,000.00 for use on IT, security, phone, furniture and appliances for the new City Hall. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed banking services being offered for cases of fraud. City Clerk Johnson stated she has been advised by the bank used by the City they will stop refunding any fraudulent activity transactions made on City accounts. She stated the cost of the services could run between \$15,000.00 and \$18,000.00 per year and asked that since the City is a long-time customer the service be provided at no cost. Council Member Lee moved to table action until the bank responds to the request. Council Member Gillespie seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed the upcoming Farm City events. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize a contribution in the same amount as the previous year. Council Member Lee seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to amend the agenda to move item I to the end of the agenda. Council Member Lee seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- Visit by state officials
- AUSA breakfast
- City Hall project
- Splash pad improvements
- Airport projects
- Park Avenue issues
- Street dedication
- News paper
- New restaurant

City Clerk Johnson reported on Trick-or-Treat and stated she would like to move festivities from the Junction to the new park once it is open. She asked Council to authorize use of the park for Halloween functions. Council Member Coleman stated the City should always get first use of the park for functions and holidays.

City Attorney Gray reported on Court.

Council Member Fountain reported visibility issues at the intersection of Iris Street and Maple Avenue. He reported tires dumped on Whitney Street. Council Member Fountain also reported the boat is still on the property on Hart Street and dumping on Forrest Street.

Council Member Tidwell asked about the City's commitment to the hospital and status of district lists.

Council Member Lee requested ditches in his district be sprayed.



Council Member McCoy asked if the City could pay to have a fence installed at the K-9 Officers house so the dog could roam the yard.

Council Member Gillespie reported 18 wheelers driving on Glen Street. She requested slow children at play signs through the Street Superintendent.

Council Member Coleman asked if the windows at the Senior Center have been fixed and the status of the new vans.

Police Chief Mock reported on National Night Out, being full staffed and a new hire.

Street Superintendent Brewer reported on projects and equipment.

Rescue Director Creamer reported on the new ambulance and staffing.

Kenneth Wike with the Fire Department reported on behalf of Chief Latimer that the AGF Grant was approved.

Rescue Director Creamer reported on operations.

Mayor Hayes opened the floor to public comments. There were none.

Mayor Hayes called for an executive session to discuss an incident covered by HIPPA. Attorney Gray stated an executive session as requested was in order as discussion met the criteria being covered under HIPPA regulations. He stated executive session was estimated to be 15 minutes and there would be no announcement after.

Council Member Tidwell moved to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. Mayor Hayes called for a roll call vote with the following results:

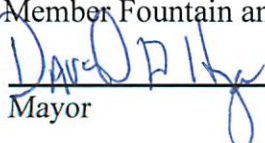
Ayes: Mayor Hayes, Council Members Lee, McCoy, Gillespie, Tidwell, Fountain, Coleman.

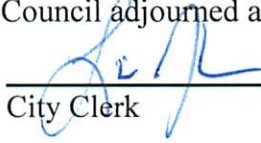
Nays: None

The Mayor declared the motion passed and executive session approved. Executive session began at 7:25 p.m. with the Mayor, Council Members, City Clerk and City Attorney in attendance.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Executive session adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on September 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Kim Gillespie, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Freddy McCoy and Ryan Tidwell were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council Member Fountain gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the August 19, 2024, minutes as presented. Council Member Gillespie seconded the motion which was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Bixby abstaining.

Council Member Coleman moved to amend the agenda to allow Mr. Bill Jones to address Council as second item on new business on the agenda. Council Member Gillespie seconded the motion which was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mr. James Sullivant appeared before Council to make allegations of animal cruelty.

Mr. Bill Jones registered complaints about neighbors living without utilities, homeless persons in the neighborhood and dogs.

Council member Lee moved to adopt a resolution declaring certain properties as contributors to slum and blight and authorizing the use of CDBG to abate the properties. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Bids received for the demolition of blighted property located at 127 E Campbell Avenue were as follows:

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| Hooper-Moore, Inc. | Harrison Earthmovers | Shiver & Sons |
| \$12,880.00        | \$14,750.00          | \$17,500.00   |



Council Member Gillespie moved to award the bid to the low bidder Hooper-Moore, Inc. in the amount of \$12,880.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray explained the need to grant an easement to a property owner off Buck Williams Road at the airport as the owner is landlocked with access to his property. He explained the process and stated he will seek concurrence from FAA. Council Member Coleman moved to table the issue until FAA concurrence is granted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee stated Mr. Monroe Brown was present and wished to speak but was not on the agenda. Mr. Brown was allowed to address Council. He stated that he lives at 804 E Westville Avenue and that someone has cut limbs from trees on his property located inside his fence without permission. He asked if the City could find out who was responsible for cutting the trees. He also complained about speeding.

Mayor Hayes reported on the City Hall project and stated that he would like to upgrade the flag pole at City Hall and that he would like the monument sign to be digital. He stated the upgrades would require a change order in the amount of \$36,000.00. Council Member Lee moved to authorize the change order. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported there is a grant opportunity for purchasing land for an industrial park. He explained that to apply for the grant the City has to have an option to purchase on suitable land. He advised he has identified potential property and the owner is interested in working with the City. Council Member Lee moved to grant the Mayor the authority to negotiate a price on the property to establish an option to purchase to qualify the City for the grant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes stated he was proud of our football team and they will only get better. Mayor Hayes also reported on the park project and airport.

City Clerk Johnson reported she has a proposed budget and ready for work sessions. A work session was set for September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30. Clerk Johnson stated she would also give a report and presentation on the redistricting list.

City Attorney Gray reported on Court.

Council Member Coleman reported a hole in the street near 602 Azalea Street. He reported businesses have received information regarding a downtown historical district designation. He stated there were questions by business owners and the City Clerk called to get answers to several questions and clarification regarding the designation, but that no one with the City has tried to stop the project it is moving forward.

Council Member Gillespie stated she was glad to see the new paper and publication starting. She inquired about the time frame for court dates being pushed so far out. She stated she is getting complaints from individuals that have received citations about it taking too long for them to be able to appear in court and get matters resolved.

Council Member Lee presented a notice he had received regarding rail banking the old railroad corridor.

Council Member Bixby asked that the City continue to seek funding sources to resurface and extend the walking trail on the levee.

Police Lieutenant Moore was present and stated the Chief has been contacted by the American Legion about holding a turkey shoot on the old golf course property. Attorney Gray stated he felt the ordinance regarding a permit under the noise ordinance sufficiently addressed the Chief's authority to grant permission. Lt. Moore also gave an activity report for the month of August.

Council Member Gillespie expressed concerns regarding a domestic incident she witnessed and reported to 911 only to find out from officers on duty the incident was never conveyed to them.

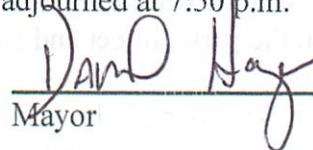
Rescue Director Creamer gave an activity report for August and reported the new ambulance has been delivered.

Council Member Coleman reported the gutters on the cook house at the Junction need cleaning and that purchase of the portable bathroom needs to move forward.

Mayor Hayes reminded everyone of the upcoming 911 ceremony.

There were no public comments.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024  
4:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in work session on September 9, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Kim Gillespie, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Freddy McCoy and Ryan Tidwell were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson and various department heads.

Council reviewed voting district changes.

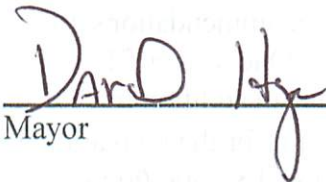
Council heard budget request presentations from Departments.

Department operations were discussed.

Rescue collections were discussed.

Council adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024  
4:30 P.M.

MINUTES

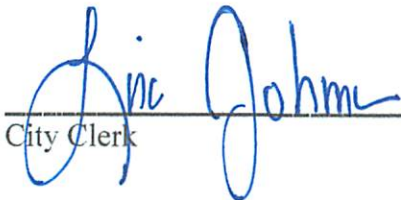
The Geneva City Council met in work session on September 10, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, and Ryan Tidwell were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson.

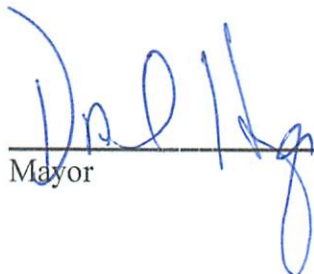
Council reviewed a proposed budget and discussed department requests and department operations.

Recommended changes to the budget included the following:

- 5% cost of living raise for all permanent full-time employees and permanent part-time employees working weekly that have been employed at least six months by the end of September
- Increase of \$2,400.00 to the SEACAP allocation
- An additional police officer position
- Radio for Animal Control \$1,000.00
- Two recommendations for a salary adjustment for the Recreation Director was made. One was a \$15,000 salary adjustment and the second was a \$10,000.00 increase in addition to COLA
- Pole barn for the recreation department \$7,000.00
- Additional \$2,500.00 for books for the Library
- Change the starting salary for the full-time Library Aide to \$10.50 per hour
- Adjust garbage collection fees to reflect a \$.24 per account per month increase
- Increase starting salary of Paramedic by \$1.25 hour making the starting salary \$19.25 per hour
- Add \$200 per month stipend for Critical Care Paramedics
- Add \$60 stipend over 100 miles
- Cardiac Monitor \$12,525.00

Council adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING &  
PUBLIC HEARING  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on September 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Kim Gillespie and Ryan Tidwell were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

City Attorney Gray gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon due public notice, a public hearing was held at this time to address assessment for abatement costs for 100 Promenade Avenue.

Attorney Gray presented an abatement cost certification prepared by the City Clerk certifying the abatement cost for the property was \$4,802.36.

Attorney Gray stated that the structure at 100 Promenade Avenue had met the criteria as an unsafe structure under Ordinance 04-2021-02.

Attorney Gray asked if any of the property owners or their representative were present to object to or speak regarding the cost as presented. No one was present.

Council discussed the abatement process.

Council Member Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of September 3, 9, and 10, 2024. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman moved to adopt a resolution titled:

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION ASCERTAINING, FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENT TO BE CHARGED AS A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 100 WEST PROMENADE AVENUE, GENEVA, ALABAMA PARCEL ID# 1804194023011000, IN THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA, AS A RESULT OF THE CITY ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 04-2021-02**

The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt resolutions authorizing the City's participation in the national buying cooperatives NPPGov and Omnia Partners. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to amend the FY 23-24 budget to projected year end figures as provided by the City Clerk. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council reviewed a list of recommended changes to the proposed 1<sup>st</sup> draft FY 24-25 budget as discussed at the September 10, 2024, work session and as reflected in the minutes of that meeting. Council discussed that the COLA would not be applicable to the paramedic position as they would be receiving an increase with the new starting salary rate, they will not receive both.

Council Member Coleman moved to amend the list of recommendations to include \$7,900.00 for tracks and sprockets for the Street Department and to include a \$.50 increase in the starting salary of Basic and Advanced EMT without a COLA. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman moved to amend the list of recommendations to include the second option on the salary increase for the Recreation Director in the amount of \$10,000.00, but without the COLA. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Bixby moved to amend the list of recommendations to include \$9,563.00 for a new gator for the Recreation Department. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt the proposed first draft FY 24-25 budget with recommendations from September 10<sup>th</sup> work session as amended this meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Bixby moved to amend the City's manning document to change the starting pay for Paramedics to \$19.25 per hour, Basic EMT to \$14.50 per hour, Advanced EMT to \$15.50 per hour, Library Assistant to \$10.50 per hour and establish a \$200 per month stipend for Critical Care Paramedics and \$60 stipend over 100 miles for rescue runs. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to authorize the starting pay for the Librarian up to the salary of the previous Librarian (\$17.51). The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.



Council Member Bixby moved to approve the July financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- City Hall
- Planned attendance at an Economic Development Summit
- Closing of the splash pad season
- New Park
- Seeking funding for asphalt for the levee
- Bridge at the Junction
- Elevator at the Library needs to be repaired, cost is \$8,000.00 and he plans to ask the Friends of the Library if they will contribute to the repair
- Interviews for the Librarian

City Attorney Gray reported on Court and on the easement at the airport.

City Clerk Johnson reported she is having trouble getting the City verified for grants through Wal-Mart and stated that a Paypal account may be required for verification purposes. Council Member Bixby moved to authorize the City Clerk to set up a Paypal account for the City. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Rescue Director Creamer presented information on a collection agency for past due rescue bills. Council Member Fountain moved to authorize using collections and moving forward with securing a collection agency. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Recreation Director Adams reported on programs and plans for lighting for the parking area between the soccer and baseball fields.

Fire Chief Latimer reported on the AFG grant award for the Fire Department.

Council Member Fountain asked about moving two lights over to Purvis and Whitney.

Council Member Bixby inquired about the status of the nuisance complaint at the old ammo shop on 85. He stated he would like for the City and school to work together to work out voting on the School Board members. Voting by citizens was discussed.

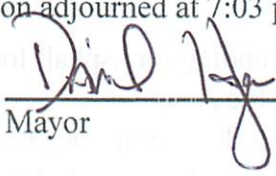
Council Member Lee thanked the Street Department for work in Baptist Bottoms getting ready for the parade. He reported on the parade and the DAV and Ft. Novosel working on a cleanup project to get ready for the event. He also reported there is an issue when going down Skyline to the cemetery that the Street Superintendent is working on.

Council Member Coleman asked about making a street one way and the process for doing so. He also asked if the City could work on a ditch on right-of-way near DEVCO Baptist Church.

Mayor Hayes called for public participation.

Pastor Russell Clausell reported the United Way tour bus will be at the Merle Wallace Purvis Center Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. The motion adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

  
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